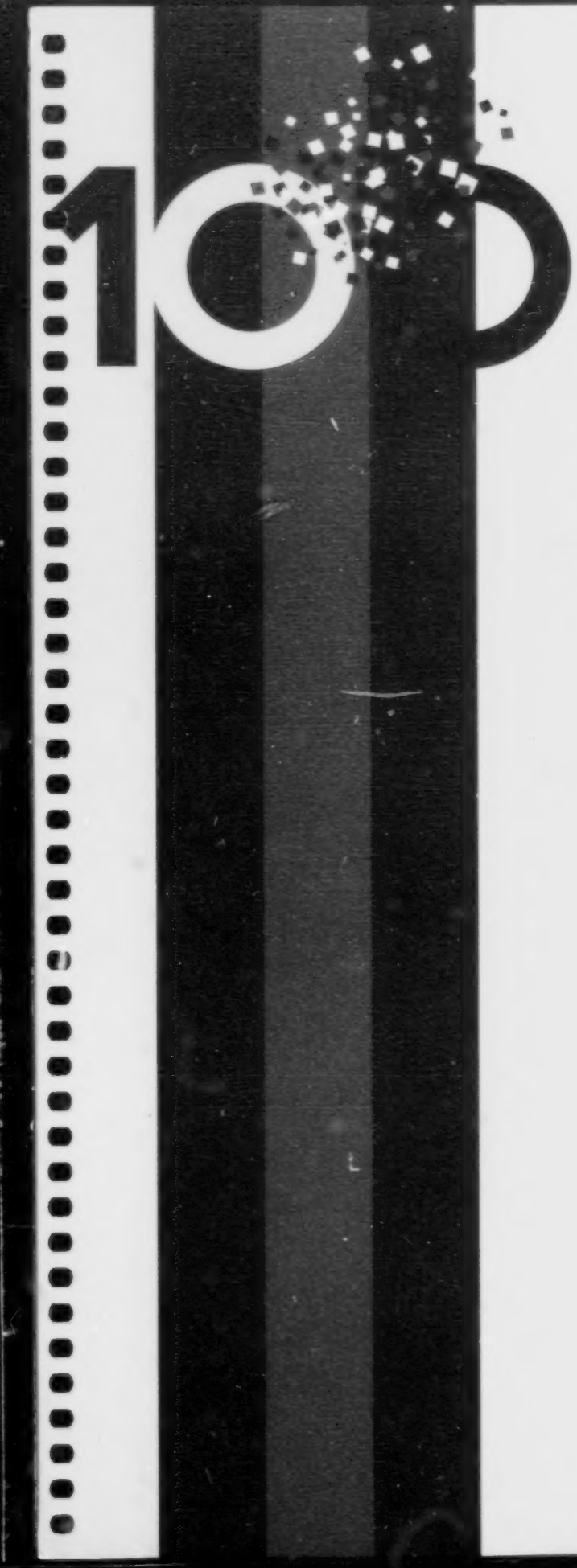

Alberta Centennial

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Public Accounts, 2004-05

The Public Accounts of Alberta are prepared in accordance with the *Financial Administration Act* and the *Government Accountability Act*. The Public Accounts consist of the annual report of the Government of Alberta and the annual reports of each of the 24 ministries.

The annual report of the Government of Alberta released June 2005 contains the Minister of Finance's accountability statement, the consolidated financial statements of the province and a comparison of the actual performance results to desired results set out in the government's business plan, including the Measuring Up report.

This annual report of the Ministry of Community Development contains the Minister's accountability statement, the audited consolidated financial statements of the Ministry and a comparison of actual performance results to desired results set out in the Ministry business plan. This Ministry annual report also includes:

- **the financial statements of entities making up the Ministry including the Department of Community Development, regulated funds and provincial agencies for which the Minister is responsible; and**
- **other financial information as required by the *Financial Administration Act* and *Government Accountability Act*, either as separate reports or as a part of the financial statements, to the extent that the Ministry has anything to report.**

As part of the November 30, 2004, Government of Alberta reorganization, the Community Support Systems Division was transferred from Community Development to the Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports. The Division included the Persons with Developmental Disabilities provincial and regional boards. Consequently, sections of the Ministry's 2004-07 Business Plan pertaining to this former Division are being reported on in Seniors and Community Supports 2004-05 Annual Report. A summary of government organization changes is included on page 223.

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Minister's Accountability Statement

The Ministry's annual report for the year ended March 31, 2005, was prepared under my direction in accordance with the *Government Accountability Act* and the government's accounting policies. All of the government's policy decisions as at September 9, 2005, with material economic or fiscal implications of which I am aware have been considered in the preparation of this report.

Gary G. Mar, Q.C.
Minister of Community Development
September 9, 2005

Message from the Minister

Alberta's centennial in 2005 is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Albertans to celebrate and honour our history, our identity and the future of our province. While the one-year countdown to the centennial took place on September 1, 2004 at the Alberta Legislature, planning our centennial has been ongoing for some time.

Many of our Ministry's accomplishments outlined in this report are related to planning centennial celebrations, showcasing the talent and spirit of Albertans, and helping to leave lasting legacies in our communities.

Starting in 2004-05 and continuing in the next fiscal year, the Ministry awarded the final phase of the Centennial Legacy Grant Program to 45 community-owned projects, such as Beaverlodge Public Library, the Hanna Community Pool, and Edmonton's Louise McKinney Riverfront Park. These projects will help improve the quality of life for Albertans by strengthening the communities in which we live.

The Ministry also invested in provincial facilities to leave a centennial legacy benefiting all Albertans. These facilities include visitor centres at Cypress Hills, Writing-on-Stone, Dinosaur and Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Parks. These projects will create fitting displays for our natural and cultural heritage and for the eight million visits to Alberta's parks and protected areas each year.

The showpiece of the government legacy projects is the renewal of the Jubilee Auditoria, which commenced in 2004-05. The new, state of the art entertainment facilities, will continue to attract major performances and events, and offer patrons an incredible acoustical and visual experience.

The Royal Alberta Museum's (formerly the Provincial Museum of Alberta) renewal moved from the conceptual stage to the planning stage. The renewed Museum will capture the Alberta story, deliver an extraordinary visitor experience and attract the best touring exhibits in the world.

The Ministry worked extensively with the National Arts Centre to plan and promote *Alberta Scene*, a 13-day festival featuring 600 Albertan artists in Canada's capital city. *Alberta Scene* was an opportunity for Alberta's talented artists, musicians, writers, actors, filmmakers, dancers and chefs to be showcased on a national level.

The Ministry launched the Centennial Salute for Sport and Recreation to pay tribute to 100 individuals who made outstanding contributions to sport, recreation and active living in Alberta during the past century.

A variety of unique centennial programs have been implemented, such as the commemorative medallions for school children and Albertans 100 years of age or older, the Premier's Centennial Invitation Program and the Centennial Ambassador Program. The Ministry was also involved with planning numerous centennial celebrations, including the Royal Visit by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in May 2005 and the September 1, 2005 birthday celebrations.

Alberta's centennial offers many exciting opportunities to celebrate our province, our people and everything that makes Alberta the best place to live, work and visit. I am proud that Community Development is able to help improve Alberta's quality of life and make 2005 a year to remember.

Gary G. Mar, Q.C.
Minister

Management's Responsibility for Reporting

The Ministry of Community Development includes the Department of Community Development and the agencies, boards, commissions, foundations and funds listed in the Ministry entities chart on page three.

The executives of the individual entities within the Ministry have the primary responsibility and accountability for the respective entities. Collectively, the executives ensure the Ministry complies with all relevant legislation, regulations and policies.

Ministry business plans, annual reports, performance results and the supporting management information are integral to the government's fiscal and business plans, annual report, quarterly reports and other financial and performance reporting.

Responsibility for the integrity and objectivity of the consolidated financial statements and performance results for the Ministry rests with the Minister of Community Development. Under the direction of the Minister, I oversee the preparation of the Ministry's annual report, including consolidated financial statements and performance results. The consolidated financial statements and the performance results, of necessity, include amounts that are based on estimates and judgments. The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with the government's stated accounting policies.

As Deputy Minister, in addition to program responsibilities, I establish and maintain the Ministry's financial administration and reporting functions. The Ministry maintains systems of financial management and internal control, which give consideration to costs, benefits, and risks that are designed to:

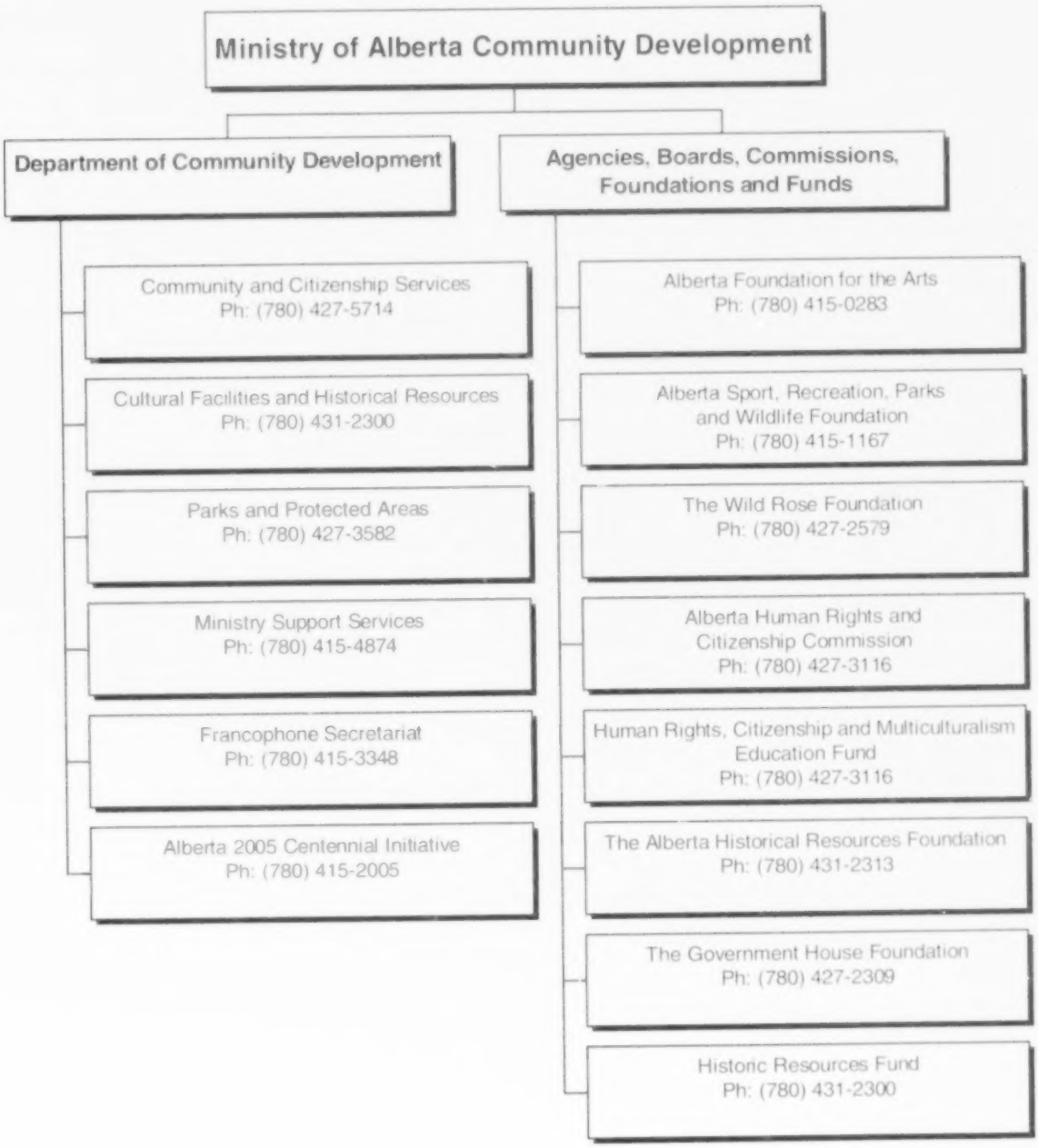
- provide reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized, executed in accordance with prescribed legislation and regulations, and properly recorded so as to maintain accountability of public money;
- provide information to manage and report on performance;
- safeguard the assets and properties of the province under Ministry administration;
- provide Executive Council, Treasury Board, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Community Development any information needed to fulfill their responsibilities; and
- facilitate preparation of Ministry business plans and annual reports required under the *Government Accountability Act*.

In fulfilling my responsibilities for the Ministry, I have relied, as necessary, on the executive of the individual entities within the Ministry.

Fay Orr
Deputy Minister
September 9, 2005

Overview

Ministry Entities



The Ministry consists of the Department, agencies, boards, commissions, foundations and funds. The following description of the Ministry's structure provides an overview of the range of programs and services available to Albertans.

The Department

1. Community and Citizenship Services

The Community and Citizenship Services Division works to promote community development activities within a wide range of community interests. The range of operations for the Division includes grant assistance programs, consultation and information services, facilitation and legislative compliance. The Libraries, Community and Voluntary Sector Services Branch supports the province-wide public library and information networks, supports Alberta's voluntary sector, assists communities and government entities in Alberta through the provision of facilitation and skill development services, and provides operational support to the Division. The Sport and Recreation Branch promotes and supports participation in sport and recreation. The Arts Branch supports creativity by working with artists, arts organizations and the cultural industries to provide opportunities to experience culture and make informed choices about the arts. The Human Rights and Citizenship Branch ensures the protection of human rights and promotes fairness and access.

2. Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources

The Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources Division preserves, protects and presents Alberta's history and culture. It does this by operating, in consultation and/or partnership with cooperating societies, provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres, the Provincial Archives of Alberta and the Northern and Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditoria. It also maintains provincial heritage collections, provides assistance to community-based preservation and presentation projects and provides protection for significant resources. The Division operates five branches: Historic Sites and Cultural Facilities, Heritage Resource Management, Provincial Archives of Alberta, Royal Alberta Museum, and Royal Tyrrell Museum.

3. Parks and Protected Areas

The Parks and Protected Areas Division preserves, protects and presents Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas. The Division is responsible for Alberta's 520 provincial parks and protected areas, which includes: 68 provincial parks, one heritage rangeland, 32 wildland provincial parks, one wilderness park, three wilderness areas, 16 ecological reserves, 149 natural areas and 250 provincial recreation areas. This network protects 27,547 square kilometres of the province as a legacy for future generations and provides opportunities for outdoor recreation, heritage appreciation and heritage tourism. The Division also maintains the Alberta Natural Heritage Information Centre, which is the province's biodiversity database, and coordinates Alberta's involvement in the Canadian Heritage Rivers Program.

4. Ministry Support Services

Ministry Support Services includes the Minister's Office, Deputy Minister's Office and Communications. It also includes the Strategic Corporate Services Division encompassing Strategic Financial Services, Business Planning and Performance Measurement, Human Resources, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Legislative Services, Information Systems, and Business Continuity. Services are provided to the entire Ministry to optimize efficiency in the Ministry's operations.

5. Francophone Secretariat

The Francophone Secretariat serves as a liaison between the Government of Alberta and Alberta's francophone community. It facilitates access to various government ministries and programs for francophone groups and organizations involved in community development. The Minister and Secretariat also represent the province and the francophone community at federal/provincial/territorial meetings on francophone affairs.

6. Alberta 2005 Centennial Initiative

The Alberta 2005 Centennial Initiative is responsible for planning Alberta's 100th anniversary celebrations and providing funding to leave a valuable, lasting legacy. The initiative works to encourage and support communities as they plan special events, build commemorative public facilities and create other unique tributes to recognize our province's past, present and future. The initiative is also responsible for planning key provincial celebrations, including a royal visit, and festivities to mark the province's September 1, 2005 birthday.

Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Foundations and Funds

1. Alberta Foundation for the Arts

The Alberta Foundation for the Arts provides funding to artists, arts organizations and the cultural industries to encourage the growth and development of the arts sector in Alberta. Grants from the Foundation help to provide opportunities for public participation in and enjoyment of the arts. The Foundation also promotes an appreciation for the arts as integral to Alberta's social, historical and economic development.

2. Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation

The Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation facilitates opportunities for developing athletes who aspire to competitive excellence, promotes healthy recreation and active living and encourages the preservation and recreational use of the natural environment. Grants from the Foundation support organizations and individuals in the development of sport, recreation, parks and wildlife activities in the province.

3. Wild Rose Foundation

The Wild Rose Foundation supports Alberta's voluntary sector and promotes volunteerism through the provision of financial assistance, skills development and training, and recognition initiatives. The Foundation also provides grants to non-profit organizations for projects in developing countries.

4. Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission

The Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission is an independent Commission of the Government of Alberta reporting through the Minister. The Commission protects human rights in Alberta by resolving complaints made under the *Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act*. Human rights panels adjudicate complaints that cannot be resolved. The Commission also works, through education and other services, to eliminate discrimination and barriers to full participation in society.

5. Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund

The Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund is used to provide financial assistance to community organizations undertaking human rights and diversity initiatives. The Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund Advisory Committee provides the Minister with advice on the use of the Education Fund, reviews grant applications and makes recommendations on grants to the Minister.

6. Alberta Historical Resources Foundation

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation provides grant assistance for community-based heritage initiatives across the province. These initiatives include restoration of historical buildings and main street heritage districts as well as development of interpretive markers, publications and educational projects. In addition, the Foundation holds historic designation hearings as required and is responsible for the naming of geographical features in Alberta.

7. Government House Foundation

The Government House Foundation cares for and promotes the interests of Government House, the former home of the Lieutenant Governors of the province of Alberta. The Foundation advises the Minister on the preservation of Government House as an historic site and building and enhances the physical attributes of Government House, including its works of art and furnishings.

8. Historic Resources Fund

The purpose of the Fund is to protect, enhance, promote and display Alberta's historic resources. This is done through funding programs designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and by promoting the use and development of related facilities.

Operational Overview

The Ministry had a successful year in 2004-05. Many accomplishments were realized through effective partnerships, a dedicated volunteer base, strong support for the government's cross-ministry initiatives and the activities of engaged Albertans, communities and Ministry staff. Detailed accomplishments are provided in the Results Analysis section.

Vision

A superior quality of life reflecting fair, inclusive, and active communities engaged in valuing Alberta's cultural, historical, and natural heritage.

Mission

To preserve and present Alberta's cultural and natural heritage, and promote community development, fairness and an inclusive society.

Core Businesses

The Ministry organizes delivery of its programs and services around the following three core businesses:

1. Support individuals and organizations through community development.
2. Protect human rights, promote fairness and access, and support the protection, inclusion, and participation of all Albertans.
3. Preserve, protect and present Alberta's history, culture, provincial parks and protected areas.

Goals

The operating resources consumed by the Ministry's three core businesses can be further broken down into four goals:

1. Support individuals, organizations and communities in the development of their capacity to participate in, and contribute to, activities in the areas of the arts, sport and recreation, libraries and the voluntary sector.
2. Support people in having an opportunity to participate in the social, economic and cultural life of the province without discrimination.
3. Preserve, protect, present, research and promote appreciation for Alberta's historical resources and culture and provide opportunities for heritage tourism.
4. Maintain Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas to preserve the province's natural heritage and provide opportunities for heritage appreciation, outdoor recreation and heritage tourism.

Support for Government of Alberta Goals

In 2004-05, the Ministry supported the realization of three government-wide goals presented in the Government of Alberta 2004-07 Business Plan. This included contributing to making Alberta a fair place to work, live and raise families; providing Albertans with opportunities to participate in community and cultural activities and to enjoy the province's historical resources and parks and protected areas; and maintaining an effective and sustainable provincial infrastructure. The Government of Alberta 2004-07 Business Plan also included eight of the Ministry's 13 performance measures. The Ministry also supported the government's four key opportunities in the areas of unleashing innovation, leading in learning, competing in the global marketplace and making Alberta the best place to live, work and visit.

In support of the government's goals and opportunities, the Ministry preserves and presents Alberta's historical and natural heritage and promotes heritage tourism. The Ministry also provides support through fostering the arts, sport and recreation, libraries and the voluntary sector and through supporting the protection of human rights and the inclusion and participation of all Albertans in the social, cultural and economic life of the province.

Performance Highlights

In 2004-05, the Ministry maintained its focus on creating a superior quality of life in support of making Alberta the best place to live, work and visit. The majority of our performance targets were substantially realized, and the results for 10 out of 13 performance measures were equal to or greater than the previous year's results. It should be noted that these measures were affected by many factors beyond the Ministry's control, such as lifestyle choices, demographic changes, Albertans' disposable income and the availability of home-based entertainment technology.

The Ministry's efforts to increase Albertans' participation in activities that enhance their quality of life were realized through increases in the percentage of adult Albertans who participated in sport and recreational activities and who participated in or attended arts and cultural activities. Satisfaction with Albertans' opportunities to participate in the social, economic and cultural life of the province was demonstrated through consecutive increases in the percentage of adult Albertans who felt that human rights were well protected in Alberta.

Albertans and visitors from around the world continued to express high satisfaction with the Ministry's services. Nearly everyone receiving community development services were satisfied overall. Similarly, visitors' overall satisfaction with provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres remained exceptionally high and nearly met the target of 99 per cent. Over 90 per cent of visitors to Alberta's provincial parks and recreation areas were satisfied overall with the facilities and services provided.

The Ministry's performance measures also demonstrate that the Ministry made a significant economic contribution. Films supported by the Alberta Film Development Program created more than 3,500 film production employment opportunities for Albertans and generated $67.4 million in film production by Albertans in Alberta. The most recent results, from 2003-04, show that provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres contributed nearly $50 million in value added economic impact and $22.1 million in total taxation revenue.

In addition to the centennial initiatives outlined in the Minister's Message and the success related to performance measures, the Ministry had a number of additional accomplishments:

- The Ministry was recognized with a bronze 2005 Premier's Award of Excellence for the success of the Alberta's Future Leaders Program in delivering summer sport and recreation programming, provincial leadership retreats and arts camps to 12 Aboriginal communities across Alberta.

- More than $31.2 million was provided to arts organizations and artists through the Alberta Foundation for the Arts to support activities in film development and the literary, performing and visual arts.

- A promotional campaign was launched in movie theatres across the province to encourage Albertans to "find out how it rates." Posters, rack cards and book marks were distributed to direct movie patrons to albertafilmratings.ca. This interactive website was developed by the Ministry to enable Albertans to make informed viewing choices by providing access to movie content and a rating for each movie shown in Alberta.

- Consultations were conducted with Alberta Active Living Strategy Stakeholders to discuss renewal of the Alberta Active Living Strategy.

- More than $4.6 million in grants were provided to 147 non-profit organizations through the Wild Rose Foundation to support projects that respond to community needs and that enhance the organizational capacity of non-profit organizations. Additionally, more than $1.7 million was provided through the International Development Program to 87 non-government organizations with an Alberta presence to assist more than 100 projects in less developed countries.

- The new Multicultural Connections Grant Program was implemented to support the needs of multicultural communities and to increase their capacity to affect change. Also, a pilot program to assist ethno-cultural and multicultural organizations to identify ways to increase their effectiveness was initiated.

- Diversity Education for Change: A Guide to Planning and Management was developed in cooperation with Canadian Heritage. This project involved 12 community-based organizations that tested and developed planning tools for groups interested in undertaking diversity education initiatives.

- The Ministry placed nine provincial historic resources and 29 municipal historic resources on the Canadian Register of Historic Places.

- Curriculum-based and family-oriented learning opportunities were offered to thousands of participants who took part in educational and public programs at provincial heritage facilities. The Ministry also developed curriculum in partnership with the Ministry of Education that will be launched in 2005.

- Children ages 10-14 were provided with the chance to experience a dinosaur dig in a simulated quarry by expanding the Royal Tyrrell Museum's public programs to include a new family-oriented summer activity called Excavate It! The Ministry also worked with the producers of a program about unusual occupations, broadcast on Discovery Kids, to film the activities of a fossil technician at the Museum.

- Working out of Fish Creek Provincial Park, as part of the educational partnership with Ducks Unlimited, an educational program about Alberta wetland habitats and their preservation was initiated for Grade Five students from the Calgary area. A new educational program was also initiated in Edmonton schools, called Parks in the Classroom, which is designed to increase students' understanding of Alberta's unique natural heritage and the role that the Ministry has in preserving it.

- Dinosaur Provincial Park and Wagner Natural Area were expanded, and the Garner Orchid Fen Natural Area was established. Replacement lands were added to Grand Rapids Wildland Provincial Park to offset lands that were earlier withdrawn from the park for the ATCO utility corridor. Fish Creek Provincial Park was expanded with land acquired from Lafarge Canada Inc.

- Renovations to an existing park office were initiated that will result in a wheelchair accessible visitor centre in William A. Switzer Provincial Park. The visitor centre will provide public educational and recreational opportunities and will include visitor reception, a gift shop, a resource centre, administrative space for staff and volunteers and a range of interactive displays.

- Parks and recreation areas continued to be a focus for major events including the 2004 Parks Day celebrations hosted by nineteen parks and the 2005 Birkebeiner Ski Festival. The Birkebeiner Ski Festival is held each year in Cooking Lake Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area and is one of three such events in the world.

- Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park was designated as the Áísínai'pi National Historic Site of Canada. The Mookaakin Society, a group of Blood elders committed to education about the Blackfoot Nation, was instrumental in this designation.

- The Governments of Alberta and Saskatchewan, in partnership with the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, designated Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park as the first provincial Dark Sky Preserve. The designation ensures the protection of night time darkness and enhances visitors' appreciation of the park, making the night sky part of the natural historical and cultural experience.

- A temporary liquor ban pilot project was initiated for the May long weekend in Aspen Beach, Miquelon Lake and Cypress Hills Provincial Parks to reduce disruptive behaviour and ensure that campgrounds in these parks are safe and enjoyable for families.

- The Ministry supported and assisted the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development by coordinating implementation of fire bans in parks and protected areas, and by assisting with public communications about these bans, safe campfire practices and outdoor recreation impacts. Additionally, the Ministry worked cooperatively with Sustainable Resource Development and Parks Canada to develop an education program on Mountain Pine Beetle infestations.

DID YOU KNOW?

Information about movie content and a rating for each movie shown in Alberta are available on the Ministry's website at:

www.albertafilmratings.ca

Financial Highlights

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended March 31, 2005

(millions of dollars)

2004-05 Financial Analysis

	Authorized Budget	Actual	Difference	Explanation
Total Revenues	$ 106.6	$ 104.1	$ (1.5)	Decreased transfers from the Government of Canada due to the deferral of projects into the following year; decreased investment income resulting from lower interest rates; decreased historic sites' admission fees and provincial parks camping fees offset by increased refunds of expenses.
Expenses - Operating	214.1	201.5	12.6	Decreased expenses primarily due to no funding required for the Alberta NHL Teams Initiative (NHL lockout); no divestitures of provincial parks or recreation areas; and dedicated revenue shortfalls offset by increased funding for the Alberta Film Development Program, the Alberta 2005 Centennial Initiative, and parks operations.
Statutory	0.2	0.2	-	
Equipment/ Inventory Purchases	0.4	1.8	(1.4)	Increased equipment purchases for Canmore Nordic Centre and various historic sites, heritage preservation markers, and the Heritage Management Information System (HeRMIS).
Capital Investment	9.4	7.5	1.9	Due to construction delays, unexpended funds for the Canmore Nordic Centre and parks water and sewage projects were approved to be carried forward to 2005-06.
Total Expenses	$ 224.1	$ 211.0	$ 13.1	

Revenues

REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS

(millions of dollars)

Revenues increased by $11.7 million from the prior year and total $104.1 million in 2004-05. The primary source of revenue consists of $85.8 million in internal government transfers from the Lottery Fund. This represents an increase of $13.7 million primarily for Centennial Legacy Grants and the Alberta Film Development Program.

Transfers from the Government of Canada were $1.5 million, primarily to further the goals of the Historic Places Initiative and to promote the official languages through the Canada-Alberta Cooperation Agreement. This funding was unchanged from the prior year.

The Ministry's funds and agencies generated $0.9 million in investment income, which was similar to the prior year. Premiums, fees and licences generated $7.8 million and include admission, camping and film classification fees. This represents an increase of $0.2 million from the prior year primarily related to

increased revenues from camping fees at provincial parks, offset by decreased admission fees at historic sites.

Other revenue totals $8.1 million and includes revenue from donations, contributions in kind, sales, refunds of expenses and other miscellaneous revenues. This revenue reflected a decrease of $2.1 million from the prior year primarily due to decreased refunds of expenses and donations.

	2005		2004
	Authorized Budget	Actual	Actual Restated
Internal Government Transfers	$ 85.8	$ 85.8	$ 72.1
Transfers from the Government of Canada	2.1	1.5	1.5
Investment Income	1.5	0.9	1.0
Premiums, Fees and Licences	8.8	7.8	7.6
Other Revenue	7.4	8.1	10.2
Total Revenues	$ 105.6	$ 104.1	$ 92.4

Expenses

OPERATING EXPENSE BY CORE BUSINESS

(millions of dollars)

Operating expenses increased by $15.3 million from the prior year and total $201.7 million in 2004-05.

46 per cent of the Ministry's operating expenses relate to the core business *Support individuals and organizations through community development.* The focus is on enhancing the quality of life in Alberta by strengthening community capacity in the areas of the arts, sport and recreation, libraries and the voluntary sector. Although there were increased expenditures over the prior year for some areas, like the Alberta Film Development Program, there was a significant decrease due to no funding requirements for the Alberta NHL Teams Initiative. Therefore, there was a net reduction of $1.6 million over prior year spending.

Nearly 3 per cent of the operating resources were used for the core business *Protect human rights, promote fairness and access, and support the protection, inclusion, and participation of all Albertans.* Services are provided to resolve and adjudicate human rights complaints, reduce discrimination, and increase awareness and appreciation of our diverse racial and cultural composition. In 2004-05, there were increased expenses of $0.5 million due primarily to the increased complexity and volume of human rights complaint investigations.

The remaining 51 per cent of operating expenditures relate to the core business *Preserve, protect, and present Alberta's history, culture and provincial parks and protected areas.* This core business provides opportunities for exploration, understanding and appreciation of Alberta's past, cultural and natural resources, and the province's natural heritage. In 2004-05, there were

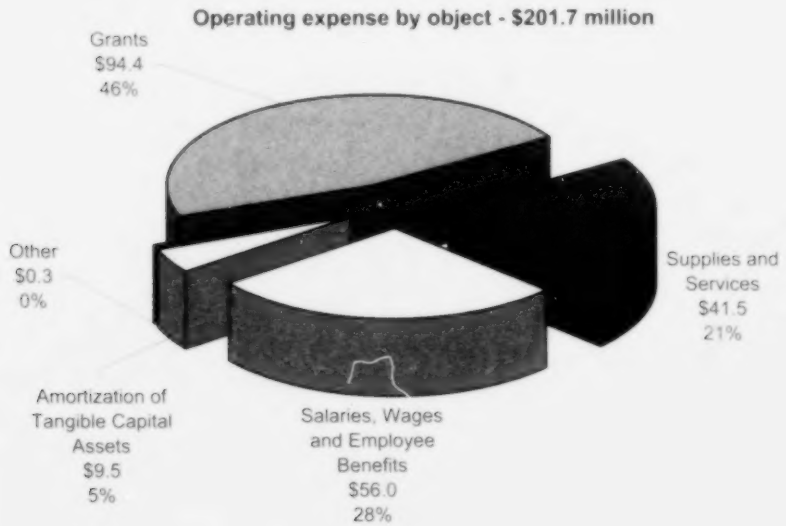
increased expenses of $16.4 million. This is due primarily to the Alberta 2005 Centennial Initiative ($16.8 million), and increased costs for parks operations ($0.4 million). These increases were offset by a decrease in other one-time grants for culture and history ($0.8 million).

	2005		2004
	Authorized Budget	Actual	Actual Restated
Support Individuals and Organizations through Community Development	$ 97.5	$ 93.0	$ 94.6
Protect Human Rights, Promote Fairness and Access, and Support the Protection, Inclusion, and Participation of all Albertans	5.8	5.8	5.3
Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's History, Culture and Provincial Parks and Protected Areas	111.0	102.9	86.5
Total Expense by Core Business	$ 214.3	$ 201.7	$ 186.4

EXPENSE BY OBJECT

(millions of dollars)

The Ministry's greatest operating expense was grants, where 46 per cent of the budget is directed. Approximately $94.4 million was awarded to support individuals, organizations and communities. Expenditures for salaries, wages and employee benefits totalled $56.0 million, and were primarily for staffing parks and protected areas and heritage facilities. The remainder of the Ministry's expenses were for supplies and services ($41.5 million), amortization of tangible capital assets ($9.5 million), and other expenses ($0.3 million).



EXPENSE BY FUNCTION

(millions of dollars)

	2005 Authorized Budget	2005 Actual	2004 Actual Restated
Protection of Persons and Property	$ 5.8	$ 5.8	$ 5.3
Recreation and Culture	208.5	195.9	181.1
Total Expense by Function	$ 214.3	$ 201.7	$ 186.4

Expense by function identifies the principal purpose for which an expense is incurred rather than the activity involved. This basis of reporting is used for inter-provincial comparisons and for determining federal funding eligibility.

The function *protection of persons and property* includes expenses for services provided specifically to ensure public interest objectives are achieved, such as human rights. The function *recreation and culture* includes expenses incurred in the delivery of programs and services to promote leisure activities.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

In addition to the operating expenses identified in earlier sections, the Ministry also made a capital investment of $7.5 million primarily related to parks safety hazards, water and sewage upgrades, and the Canmore Nordic Centre. As well, a further $1.8 million was spent on equipment purchases primarily for the Canmore Nordic Centre, playground upgrades, and various historic sites throughout the province.

Further financial information can be found in the Integrated Results Analysis section of this report.

Results Analysis

Message from the Deputy Minister

I am proud of the ways Community Development preserves, interprets and celebrates Alberta's natural and cultural heritage. Together with supporting the arts, active living, the voluntary sector, and a diverse and inclusive society, we help improve the quality of life for all Albertans.

A thriving arts community, world-class museums and parks, a variety of sport and recreational opportunities, and a strong library and volunteer network all operating in inclusive communities are key to Alberta's economy and will continue to be important to our future prosperity. The Ministry's programs contribute to a superior quality of life and significantly impact Alberta's economy by enhancing the province's ability to attract and retain a skilled and highly educated workforce.

In keeping with its strategic priorities of infrastructure renewal, inclusive communities, and community capacity building, the Ministry made significant gains over the last year in these areas. A $21 million, multi-year initiative was launched to repair and upgrade water and sewer infrastructure at provincial parks and recreation areas, and the Jubilee Auditoria in Edmonton and Calgary were renovated to improve patron comfort and acoustics.

Inclusive communities were supported by delivering services to resolve and adjudicate complaints of alleged discrimination and by partnering with Global Television to launch the second phase of the Help Make a Difference campaign to encourage Albertans to contribute to building a fair and respectful society.

Community capacity building was pursued in the areas of the arts, sport and recreation, libraries and the voluntary sector. Through grants provided by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts to Alberta's artistic community, approximately $153 million was returned to Alberta's economy and 3,500 full-time jobs were created. Additionally, the Alberta Film Development Program generated $67.4 million in film production by Albertans in Alberta.

Athletes were supported by the provision of grants to various sporting organizations and sporting events including the Edmonton World Masters Games, and the Alberta Summer Games which enabled the participation of approximately 3,000 young Albertans, coaches and officials.

The hub of communities is often the public library. Fifty per cent of adult Albertans, and many more young Albertans, visit public libraries annually. The Ministry continued to support and promote these facilities through $18.7 million in grants.

The Wild Rose Foundation's Vitalize 2004 conference invigorated more than 1,200 delegates from the voluntary sector and refined their skills. With 67 per cent of adult Albertans volunteering, it is crucial we support this important sector.

The Ministry's provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres provided tourism and learning opportunities for Albertans and visitors from around the world. These facilities contributed $50 million in value added economic impact and $22.1 million in total taxation revenue.

These are but a few examples of the Ministry's long list of achievements realized during the past year. The Ministry will have many opportunities to celebrate Alberta's first century in 2005, as well as to lay the foundation for the province's next 100 years of success by delivering programs that promote a superior quality of life and make Alberta the best place to live, work and visit.

Fay Orr
Deputy Minister
September 9, 2005

AUDITOR GENERAL
Alberta

Report of the Auditor General on the Results of Applying Specified Auditing Procedures to Performance Measures

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly

In connection with the Ministry of Community Development's performance measures included in the *2004–2005 Annual Report of the Ministry*, I have:

1. Agreed information from an external organization to reports from the organization.

2. Agreed information from reports that originated from organizations included in the consolidated financial statements of the Ministry to source reports. In addition, I tested the procedures used to compile the underlying data into the source reports.

3. Checked that the presentation of results is consistent with the stated methodology.

4. Checked that the results presented are comparable to stated targets, and information presented in prior years.

5. Checked that the performance measures, as well as targets, agree to and include results for all of the measures presented in Budget 2004.

As a result of applying the above procedures, I found no exceptions. These procedures, however, do not constitute an audit and therefore I express no opinion on the performance measures included in the *2004–2005 Annual Report of the Ministry of Community Development*.

Fred J. Dunn FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
July 29, 2005

Core Businesses, Goals, Strategies and Performance Measures

Core Business 1

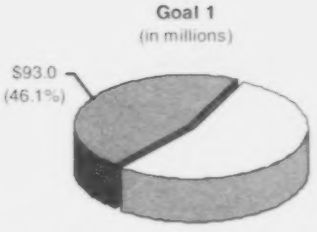
Support individuals and organizations through community development

Support individuals, organizations and communities in the development of their capacity to participate in, and contribute to, activities in the areas of the arts, sport and recreation, libraries and the voluntary sector.

Overview

The Ministry supports this goal on an ongoing basis by:

- Working with organizations and communities to strengthen community capacity in the areas of the arts, sport and recreation, libraries and the voluntary sector by providing financial support, consultation, access to information, education and facilitation.
- Working with individuals to increase the possibilities for participation in, and contribution to, activities that enhance the quality of life to which they aspire.
- Providing support to key activities such as: connecting Alberta libraries to the SuperNet; reviewing the Active Living Strategy; and delivering the Film Development, Film Classification and Voluntary Sector Advancement Programs.
- Supporting the operation of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts; the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation; and the Wild Rose Foundation.
- Serving as a liaison between the government and the Francophone community in Alberta.



Goal 1 - Support individuals, organizations and communities in the development of their capacity to participate in, and contribute to, activities in the areas of the arts, sport and recreation, libraries and the voluntary sector consumed 46.1% ($93.0 million) of the Ministry's 2004-05 operating expense.

Achievements

STRATEGY 1.1

Enhance the capacity of organizations to fulfill their mandates and objectives through organizational development support in the areas of leadership development, financial management, partnership development and program delivery.

More than $4.6 million in grants were awarded to 147 non-profit organizations through the Wild Rose Foundation to support projects that respond to community needs and that enhance the organizational capacity of non-profit organizations.

Capacity-enhancing workshops and consultations targeting areas such as leadership development and strategic planning were delivered to more than 11,000 Albertans. Clients ranged from government ministries to voluntary sector organizations and agencies that serve the voluntary sector. The Ministry also delivered 64 governance workshops to non-profit boards through the Board Development Program. In addition, the Leadership Training Institute Program offered 10 highly successful leadership-training courses across the province. Essential leadership skills and best practices tailored to the needs of non-profit organizations were provided to more than 300 participants through these courses. Leadership skills were further supported by initiating the development of a model for training young rural Albertans (18 to 30 years) to build leadership capacity and by initiating responses to the recommendations contained in the report Rural Alberta – Land of Opportunity, which lays the foundation for the rural development strategy framework in Alberta.

CLIENT FEEDBACK

The Vitalize conference was beautifully organized and everything was top drawer. The opening was just awesome! Conference staff were both efficient and warm – two characteristics not often found together. Again, Wild Rose has demonstrated a true focus on the needs of the non-profit sector in a way that is accessible and fun, providing great learning and tremendous opportunities for networking. I am truly impressed!

– patron attending Vitalize 2004

The Ministry provided support to Vitalize 2004, the provincial voluntary sector conference, which brought together over 1,200 delegates from approximately 150 communities. These participants had a choice of attending more than 50 educational workshops targeted at the voluntary sector. Support was also provided to help train Alberta's volunteer coaches through the National Coaches Certification Program and other initiatives designed to assist coaches at all levels.

Alberta's artistic community was supported by providing advice on grant programs and by facilitating professional development and workshops for artists throughout the province. More than 2,000 funding applications were received in 2004-05, and more than 1,400 of these were funded. The Ministry also led a consultation process in partnership with Music Alberta to assess the program and service needs of the province's music community. Cooperation also continued with the Alberta Performing Arts Stabilization Fund and Alberta's larger performing arts companies to ensure good financial and governance practices are in place.

STRATEGY 1.2

Support Albertans' access to opportunities for participation and involvement in activities that contribute to advancing quality of life.

More than $31.2 million was provided to arts organizations and artists through the Alberta Foundation for the Arts to support activities in film development and the literary, performing and visual arts. This support was provided to a wide range of organizations and encompassed multiple artistic activities. Funding was provided for Alberta's major performing arts companies, arts festivals, public art galleries, community theatres and music productions, publishing, sound recording, film production and writing. This funding provided opportunities to attend dance, music and theatre productions and festivals, visit art exhibitions at public galleries, listen to author readings in schools and local libraries, watch street performers and experience other arts-related events and activities.

Students in schools across Alberta were engaged in artistic activities by artists through the Artist and Education Grant Program. Approximately $856,000 was provided to enable more than 230 schools to hire artists to enhance curriculum through the arts. The Ministry further supported youth summer school programs and training in the areas of dance, film and video, music, theatre, and the literary and visual arts. These programs provided opportunities for youth to learn about the arts and develop artistic and creative skills.

Provincial sport and recreation associations were assisted in providing programs and services to Albertans through the provision approximately $7.3 million in annual funding. An additional 250 grants, totalling approximately $634,000, were provided for various provincial and community based projects in the areas of sport, recreation, parks and wildlife. The Ministry also provided financial support to a network of regional sport centres to assist them in developing local high performance athletes. Also, participation in sport for under-represented groups (e.g., girls, women, Aboriginal people and persons with disabilities) was enhanced by providing over $97,000 in grants to provincial sport and recreation associations for programs involving these groups.

Opportunities for participation in sport and recreation were further advanced through financial support for outdoor public facilities and sporting events in Alberta. Approximately $1.5 million was provided to Municipal Recreation/ Tourism Areas across the province to ensure that outdoor public facilities are maintained as safe and useable, to enable communities to improve local amenities and to encourage tourism. Additional grants totalling approximately $376,000 were awarded to provincial sport and recreation associations, communities and local organizations to host western Canadian, national and international events in Alberta. The Ministry also provided approximately $1.3 million in lottery funding for the Edmonton 2005 World Masters Games, one of the largest multi-sport events in the world.

The Alberta Roundtable on Family Violence and Bullying was facilitated by Ministry staff. Approximately 340 Albertans participated in the process to develop a comprehensive set of recommendations addressing family violence and bullying in Alberta.

INTERESTING FACT

Alberta Public Library staff answer more than four million reference questions each year.

The Ministry continued to support and promote Alberta public libraries by providing more than $18.7 million in grants to support public libraries and to facilitate their access to the Alberta SuperNet. Participation in SuperNet by libraries will improve service delivery and enable video conferencing. The Ministry also assisted the Alberta Library in launching its Remote Patron Authentication Initiative, which will allow Albertans to use their local library card to order library resources from their personal computer.

STRATEGY 1.3

Further compliance with statutory requirements that influence a high standard of quality for community-based service delivery.

Ministry staff met with library board trustees and their employees to ensure that boards were in compliance with provincial legislation and regulations and to discuss operating and service delivery issues. Three of the boards were restructured to comply with provincial legislation. The other boards have updated their library policies and bylaws and made adjustments to their board appointment procedures.

All seven library boards have adopted the Ministry's Standards for Member Libraries Within Alberta's Regional Library Systems policy document. This document outlines recommended levels of service to be provided by public libraries.

STRATEGY 1.4

Facilitate awareness and appreciation in the areas of the arts, sport and recreation, libraries and the voluntary sector to maintain an environment for participation in, and contributions to, activities that enhance the quality of life in Alberta.

Opportunities to appreciate Alberta art were supported through the art acquisition, placement and exhibition programs and the maintenance of various provincial art collections. A total of 71 grants, valued at over $160,000, were awarded through two art acquisition programs to increase the Ministry's art collection. This collection was featured in 118 communities across the province and appeared in 188 venues, including schools, libraries, public health centres and historical facilities.

The Grant MacEwan Literary Awards were announced in April 2004 at the Annual Book Awards Gala. A $25,000 Author's Award and four $2,500 Grant MacEwan Young Writer's Scholarships were awarded to Alberta writers.

ALBERTA ATHLETES AT THE 2004 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

- 32 Olympians
- 10 Paralympians
- 22 Olympic coaches and staff
- 4 Paralympic coaches and staff

Including gold medalists:
- Kyle Shewfelt
- Lori-Ann Muenzer

Alberta athletes from the 2004 Olympics Games, the Paralympic Games, and Alberta Athletes of the Year were recognized for their significant achievements, performances and contributions as amateur athletes. Also, four Albertans were honoured for their contribution to the development of recreation in Alberta at the annual Recreation Volunteer Recognition Awards.

To acknowledge the importance of volunteers in the community, the Ministry supported National Volunteer Week in partnership with Volunteer Alberta and provided funding to 136 communities. More than 130 youth (aged 14-24) from more than 40 communities were supported to attend Vitalize 2004. Alberta's volunteers were further celebrated through awards to recognize outstanding volunteer achievements. Awards were presented to 6 Albertans (2 youth, 2 adults and 2 seniors) through the Stars of the Millennium Volunteer Awards Program. Individuals who received these awards were also inducted into the Volunteer Wall of Fame, located in the Pedway Mall of Government Centre in Edmonton.

Library Week, a celebration of library staff and the contributions they make to their communities, was coordinated and promoted in collaboration with the Alberta Library and the Library Association of Alberta. During the week, Albertans were invited to visit their community libraries and familiarize themselves with library services.

STRATEGY 1.5

Utilize support from the renegotiated 2004-07 Canada/Alberta Cooperation Agreement to foster development of the francophone community and collaboration with other ministries on a number of community priority areas including: children and youth initiatives, arts and culture, heritage preservation, and early childhood and health related services.

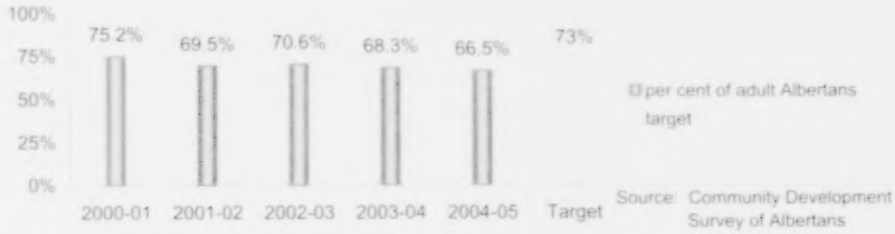
Based on the three-year Alberta Action Plan, the Ministry furthered implementation of the Alberta/Canada Cooperation Agreement to support the francophone community. A number of projects identified in the plan, focusing on health, children's services, arts and culture, economic development, and heritage preservation, were undertaken to support the francophone community. Specifically, Ministry support included facilitating and encouraging the establishment of a community-cultural centre in Falher to serve the needs of the francophone community in the Peace region, strengthening the francophone artistic community throughout the province, and maintaining support for the continued enhancement of francophone school facilities throughout Alberta.

Performance Measures

MEASURE 1.A

Level of community volunteerism by adult Albertans

Percentage of adult Albertans who volunteer



Source: Community Development Survey of Albertans

Description

This measure represents the percentage of adult Albertans who made an unpaid contribution of time, energy and/or talents to charitable or non-profit organizations, causes, community development activities or help through personal initiative to individuals.

INTERESTING FACT

One volunteer has worked for the Carstairs Public Library for 53 years!

Results

In 2004-05, 66.5 per cent of adult Albertans volunteered, which was below target.

Analysis

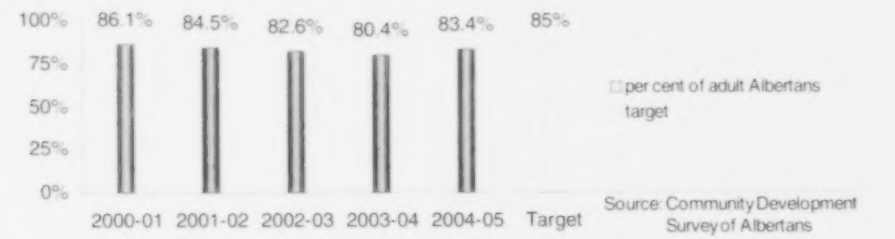
The Ministry supported a healthy and vital voluntary sector by providing funding for non-profit organizations and delivering capacity-enhancing workshops to Albertans from the voluntary sector. The Ministry also acknowledged the importance of volunteers during events such as National Volunteer Week and through the Stars of the Millennium Volunteer Awards Program.

Factors such as the awareness of the benefits of volunteering and personal circumstances related to age, lifestyle and economic conditions may influence volunteerism levels. For example, volunteerism levels may be influenced by a high employment rate or by work and family commitments. This measure's target was reduced to 70 per cent in the Ministry's 2005-08 Business Plan based on an average of the last three years' of available results plus a one per cent stretch factor.

MEASURE 1.B

Participation in sport and recreational activities by adult Albertans

Percentage of adult Albertans who participate in sport and recreational activities



Source: Community Development Survey of Albertans

DID YOU KNOW?

The top five leisure recreational activities for Alberta households are:

1. walking
2. gardening
3. doing a craft or hobby
4. attending sports events
5. attending fairs or festivals

– *2004 Alberta Recreation Survey*

Description

This measure indicates the percentage of adult Albertans who participate in sport and recreational activities in a given year. Respondents were asked if they had participated in a recreational activity such as walking, bicycling, skiing, golfing, skating, swimming and amateur sports in the past year.

Results

The results increased to 83.4 per cent in 2004-05, higher than in either of the two previous years and approaching the target of 85 per cent.

Analysis

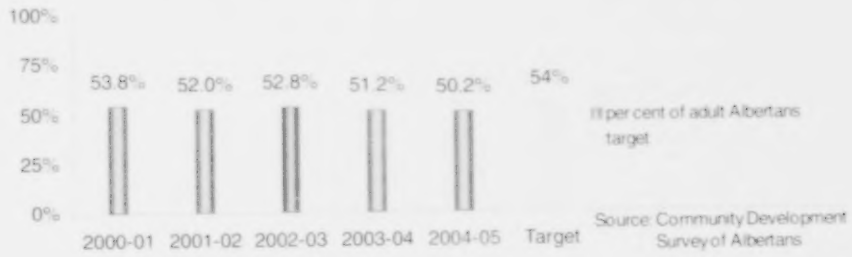
Examples of the Ministry's efforts to increase participation in sport and recreational activities include: providing opportunities for children and youth in Aboriginal communities to participate in sport, recreation and leadership development; providing funding to enhance participation in sport for under-represented groups; and promoting an active lifestyle through initiatives such as the SummerActive and Live Outside the Box campaigns.

The results may be affected by external influences such as lifestyle choices, disposable income, user fees and demographic changes such as the general trend of an aging population. This measure's target was reduced to 84 per cent in the Ministry's 2005-08 Business Plan based on an average of the last three years' of available results plus a one per cent stretch factor.

MEASURE 1.C

Usage of public library services by adult Albertans

Percentage of adult Albertans who use public library services



Description

This measure indicates the percentage of adult Albertans who have used a public library in Alberta in a given year. Libraries support strong, healthy communities, further lifelong learning and help Albertans compete in the global economy.

Results

Alberta public libraries were used by 50.2 per cent of adult Albertans in 2004-05, below the target of 54 per cent.

Analysis

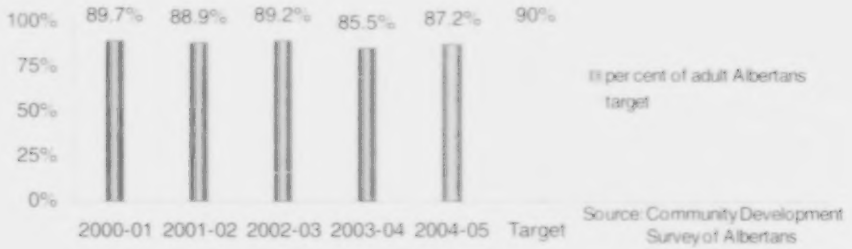
In 2004-05, the Ministry provided funding to support public libraries and facilitate their access to the Alberta SuperNet. The Ministry also supported an initiative allowing Albertans to use their local library card to order library resources from their personal computer.

Influences such as library hours of operation, lifestyle choices and the availability of the Internet and home-based entertainment technologies may affect the results. This measure's target was reduced to 53 per cent in the Ministry's 2005-08 Business Plan based on an average of the last three years' of available results plus a one per cent stretch factor.

MEASURE 1.D

Participation in arts and cultural activities by adult Albertans

Percentage of adult Albertans who attend or participate in arts and cultural activities



Source: Community Development Survey of Albertans

Description

This measure indicates the percentage of adult Albertans who attend or participate in arts and cultural activities in a given year. Respondents were asked if they had personally attended or participated in a large range of arts and cultural activities such as performing in a choir, playing a musical instrument, taking an arts course or visiting an arts exhibition or gallery.

DID YOU KNOW?

Approximately $153 million is added to Alberta's economy and more than 3,500 full-time jobs are created by arts organizations funded by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.

– Economic Impact of the Arts in Alberta, 2004

Results

Results have remained high over the past five years, increasing from 85.5 per cent in 2003-04 to 87.2 per cent in 2004-05 and progressing towards the target of 90 per cent.

Analysis

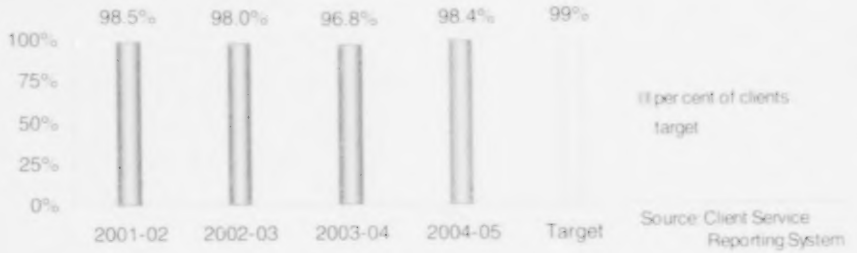
In support of arts and cultural activities in Alberta, the Ministry provided grants to support activities in the literary, performing and visual arts and film development. The Ministry also featured artworks from provincial collections in communities across Alberta and enabled artists to enhance arts curriculum in schools.

The results may be affected by external influences such as lifestyle choices, disposable income, home-based entertainment technology, time constraints and demographics. This measure's target was reduced to 89 per cent in the Ministry's 2005-08 Business Plan based on an average of the last three years' of available results plus a one per cent stretch factor.

MEASURE 1.E

Customer satisfaction with community development services

Percentage of ministry clients satisfied with community development services



Source: Client Service Reporting System

CLIENT FEEDBACK

"The [Community Development Officer] has provided outstanding service. His expertise is awesome and he has a wonderful manner with people. Thank you so much for providing this service!"

– Client receiving community development services

Description

This measure indicates the percentage of clients who were satisfied overall with the Ministry's community development services. Community development services encompass a broad range of capacity building activities including planning, knowledge and skill transfer, facilitation and/or consultation regarding a variety of topics from organizational development to public consultation.

Results

Satisfaction with community development services remained very high in 2004-05 and nearly met the target of 99 per cent.

Analysis

In 2004-05, the Ministry provided capacity enhancing workshops and consultations to Albertans from government ministries, voluntary sector organizations, agencies serving the voluntary sector and various boards.

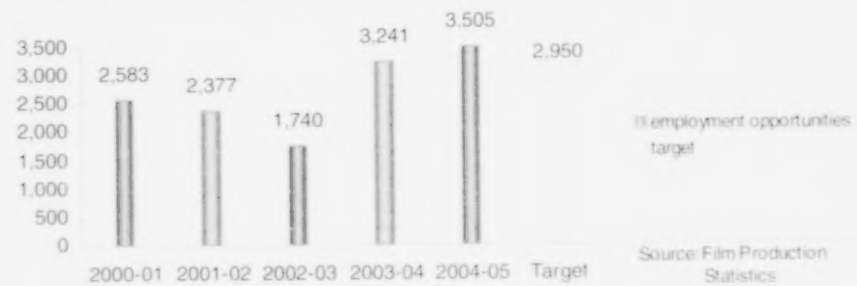
The results may be affected by shifting expectations for assistance with community development services. This results from a changing and complex society where client expectations are rising along with increasing public demand for help in addressing community development issues.

MEASURE 1.F (i)

Impact of the support provided by the Alberta Film Development Program

Number of film production employment opportunities for Albertans

Film production employment opportunities for Albertans

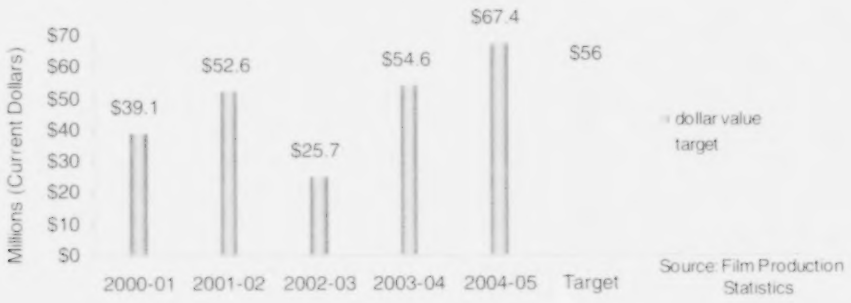


Source: Film Production Statistics

MEASURE 1.F (ii)

Impact of the support provided by the Alberta Film Development Program: Value of film production by Albertans in Alberta ($ millions)

Value of film production by Albertans in Alberta



Description

Measures 1.f (i) and (ii) indicate the impact of the Alberta Film Development Program (AFDP) and the financial support it provides for filmmaking in Alberta. An Alberta employment opportunity is counted when an individual, who is a resident of Alberta, provides a service to a film production and receives credit and reimbursement for that service. The dollar value of film production by Albertans in Alberta is reported in current dollars.

Results

In 2004-05, employment opportunities in film production supported by the AFDP increased by 8.1 per cent, to 3,505, surpassing the target of 2,950. The value of AFDP supported film production by Albertans in Alberta reached $67.4 million in 2004-05, 23 per cent more than in 2003-04 and above target.

Analysis

The Ministry supported the results by increasing funding to the AFDP by $2.5 million, or 23 per cent, in 2004-05. External influences include the long lead times regularly associated with film production and accountability reporting, availability of funding, and wide variations in the amount of activity associated with a particular production. In the Ministry's 2005-08 Business Plan, based on budget figures and approved projects, the target for the number of film production employment opportunities for Albertans was increased to 3,000 and the target for the value of film production by Albertans in Alberta was increased to $63 million.

Core Business 2

Protect human rights, promote fairness and access, and support the protection, inclusion, and participation of all Albertans

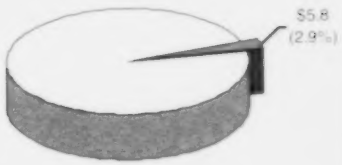
Support people in having an opportunity to participate in the social, economic and cultural life of the province without discrimination.

Overview

The Ministry supports this goal on an ongoing basis by:

- Supporting equal dignity, rights and responsibilities, and sharing an awareness and appreciation of our diverse racial and cultural composition enhances the richness of life in Alberta.
- Protecting human rights and reducing discrimination and barriers to full participation in society through working with individuals, organizations, workplaces and communities.
- Providing services in resolving and adjudicating human rights complaints, and providing information and education programs, consultation, facilitation and financial support.
- Providing support to key activities such as investigating strategies to expedite the human rights complaint management process; consulting with the community on Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund strategies and priorities; undertaking strategies to build recognition and awareness; developing new information resources to develop a greater understanding of human rights and diversity issues; and undertaking collaborative projects with other governments and organizations that further human rights goals.
- Facilitating the operations of the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission and the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund.

Goal 2
(in millions)



Goal 2 - Support people in having an opportunity to participate in the social, economic and cultural life of the province without discrimination consumed 2.9% ($5.8 million) of the Ministry's 2004-05 operating expense.

Achievements

STRATEGY 2.1

Protect human rights by delivering services to resolve and adjudicate complaints of alleged discrimination, inclusive of statutory compliance.

The Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission opened 872 complaint files and closed 735 files, with physical disability and gender issues continuing to be the two most common grounds for complaint. The majority of files that were closed (96 per cent) were closed through the process of resolving and settling discrimination complaints. The remaining files (4 per cent) were closed at the human rights panel stage.

Protect human rights, promote fairness and access, and support the protection, inclusion, and participation of all Albertans

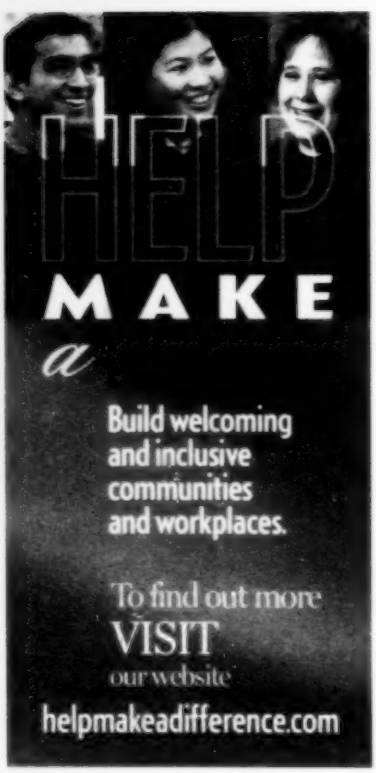
Human rights panels dealt with many issues, including sexual harassment, age discrimination and discrimination on the grounds of mental and physical disability. In response to appeals and judicial reviews, the courts and panels further clarified human rights issues, including the quasi-constitutional status of human rights legislation in Alberta, and evidentiary principles related to human rights panels and procedures.

STRATEGY 2.2

Support the development of awareness, understanding and capacity of individuals, organizations, communities and workplaces that contribute to building a society that is respectful of human rights and diversity and that is free of discrimination.

Supporting Albertans in building inclusive workplaces that are free of discrimination continued to be a focus for the Ministry. Of the complaint files opened by the Commission in 2004-05, 79 per cent of the grounds cited were in the area of employment. The Commission continued its partnership with the Alberta Chambers of Commerce to establish and sponsor the *Diversity Leadership Award of Distinction* to recognize and honour employers who embrace diversity in their workforce, encourage respect and inclusion, and work toward eliminating discrimination and barriers to fair employment. The Commission also revised its information sheet on drug and alcohol testing and published *Using Mediation to Resolve Human Rights Issues in the Workplace*.

The Ministry provided 47 grants, totalling more than $992,000, through the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund to reduce discrimination and foster inclusive organizations and communities. Inclusiveness was further supported through the development and implementation of a communications plan to promote the Commission's new publication, *Duty to Accommodate Students with Disabilities in Post-Secondary Educational Institutions*. The Commission also participated in a joint initiative with the Ministry of Human Resources and Employment and Human Resources and Skills Development Canada to distribute and promote *Becoming a Parent in Alberta: What You Need to Know About Human Rights, Maternity and Parental Leave, and Benefits*.



The Ministry launched a second, expanded phase of the Help Make a Difference initiative to encourage Albertans to contribute to building a fair and respectful society through their own actions. In partnership with Global Television and the Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports, six public service announcements (PSAs) were produced and shown throughout Global's Alberta network. The PSAs focused on cultural diversity, inclusion of persons with disabilities and women, and were broadcast on approximately 660 occasions from January 2005 to the end of March 2005.

A Help Make a Difference video that combined PSAs from both phases of the campaign was produced as a training and orientation resource. In addition, the www.helpmakeadifference.com website was updated to enable visitors to learn about concrete actions they could take to make a difference in their communities.

The Ministry's commitment to advancing equality for women was reaffirmed at the 23rd annual meeting of Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministers responsible for the Status of Women. The Ministry also promoted and distributed a report from the Ministers' Status of Women Forum, titled *Workplaces that Work:*

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR LEGISLATION

... recognition of the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all persons is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world ... it is recognized in Alberta as a fundamental principle and as a matter of public policy that all persons are equal in: dignity, rights and responsibilities ...

– *Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act*

Creating a Workplace Culture that Attracts, Retains and Promotes Women, highlights key business reasons for making changes to workplace cultures.

The Ministry collaborated with the Ministry of Advanced Education to support and recognize students who are contributing to a more inclusive and respectful society. Specifically, seven Persons Case Scholarships were awarded to students studying in fields that are non-traditional for their gender, or whose studies contributed to women's equality. More than 150 graduating high school students were recognized with Premier's Citizenship Awards for their contributions to the community. The five most outstanding of these students received Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medals and $5,000 scholarships. The Alberta Award for the Study of Canadian Human Rights and Multiculturalism was established to pay tribute to our cultural diversity and in recognition of Alberta's centennial. The $10,000 award will be made annually to a graduate student attending an Alberta post-secondary institution whose area of study will support the advancement of human rights and multiculturalism.

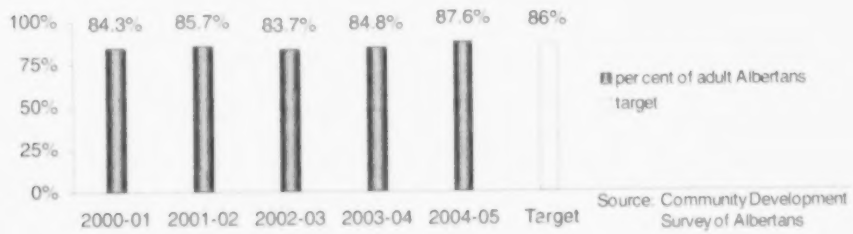
Ministry staff co-chaired and served on the Ethno Cultural Ad-hoc Working Group, a government/community group that provided a forum for examining family violence issues in Alberta's ethno cultural communities.

Performance Measures

MEASURE 2.A

Adult Albertans' perception of the effectiveness of human rights protection in Alberta

Percentage of adult Albertans who believe human rights are well protected in Alberta



Source: Community Development Survey of Albertans

Description

This measure provides an indication of adult Albertans' perceptions of how well human rights are protected in Alberta. Results are based on the combined total of adult Albertans who indicated human rights are "fairly well" or "very well" protected in Alberta, the top two categories of a four point rating scale.

Results

In 2004-05, 87.6 per cent of adult Albertans felt that human rights were well protected in Alberta. Results have increased two years in a row and the 2004-05 results are above the target of 86 per cent.

Analysis

In 2004-05, the Ministry maintained its commitment to helping Albertans resolve human rights complaints. The Ministry also developed and distributed

DID YOU KNOW?

The Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission is on the web:

www.albertahumanrights.ab.ca

You'll find educational resources and information about:

- human rights in the workplace
- how Albertans are protected from discrimination under law
- the human rights complaint process
- real-life human rights cases and decisions
- the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund support for community projects

information resources concerning human rights and discrimination and provided funding to foster inclusive communities.

Results may be affected by issues, events and legislative matters concerning human rights, both in the province and in other jurisdictions around the world, media coverage, demographics and respondents' historical and personal circumstances and experiences. This measure's wording was revised slightly in the Ministry's 2005-08 Business Plan to better reflect the survey question. The measure's intent remains the same and results will continue to be comparable with previous years.

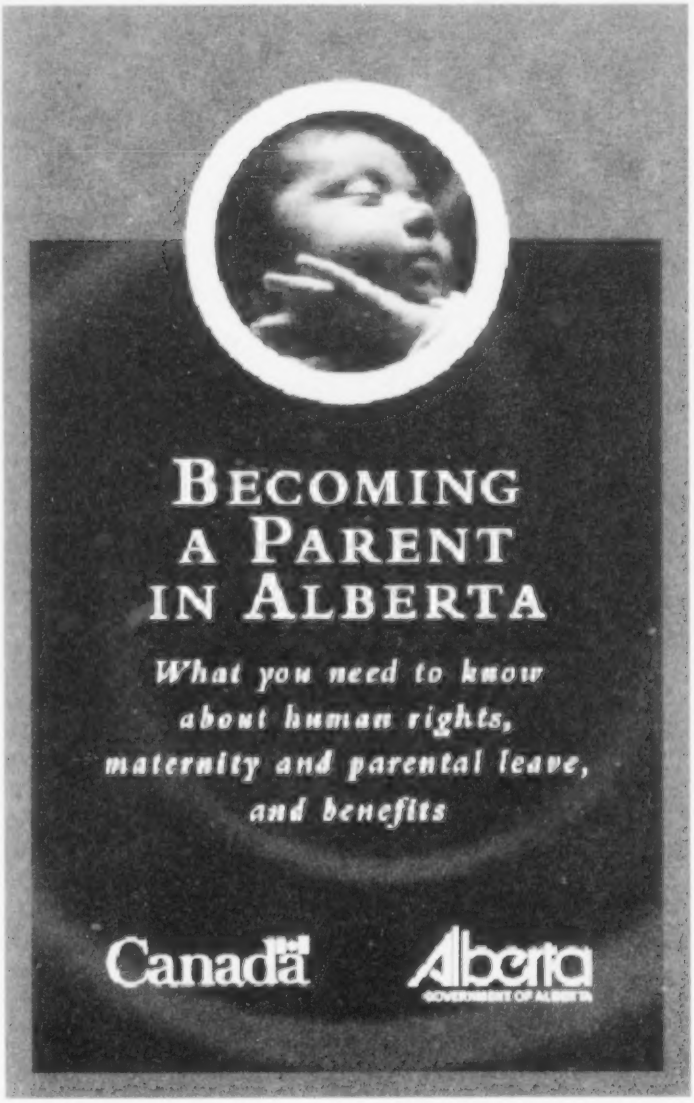
DID YOU KNOW?

Becoming a Parent in Alberta answers frequently asked questions about:

- human rights protection for pregnant workers
- entitlements, rights and responsibilities of working parents-to-be
- leave that expectant mothers may take for health reasons during pregnancy and childbirth
- the difference between maternity and parental leave and benefits
- how to apply for maternity and parental leave and benefits

Read the complete report at:

www.albertahumanright.ab.ca



Core Business 3

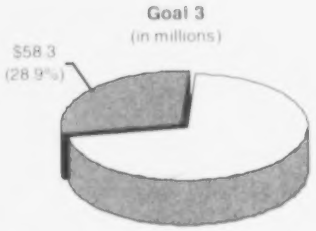
Preserve, protect and present Alberta's history, culture, provincial parks and protected areas

Preserve, protect, present, research and promote appreciation for Alberta's historical resources and culture and provide opportunities for heritage tourism.

Overview

The Ministry supports this goal on an ongoing basis by:

- Operating, in consultation and/or partnership with cooperating societies, provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres; the Provincial Archives of Alberta; and the Northern and Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditoria.
- Delivering public programs and exhibits and conducting applied research to increase public knowledge of Alberta's past.
- Identifying, acquiring and preserving cultural and natural resources of significance to Alberta.
- Acquiring and preserving significant private and government records and making them available for research purposes.
- Regulating land-based development activity to preserve significant historical resources.
- Providing professional and technical advice and funding assistance through the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation to parties involved in historical preservation and presentation.



Goal 3 - Preserve, protect, present, research and promote appreciation for Alberta's historical resources and culture and provide opportunities for heritage tourism consumed 28.9% ($58.3 million) of the Ministry's 2004-05 operating expense.

Achievements

STRATEGY 3.1

Work with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation to a) undertake planning to redevelop the Provincial Museum of Alberta, b) develop appropriate storage solutions for the province's heritage collections, c) implement major renovations to the Jubilee Auditoria, d) improve access to the province's modern heritage facilities for persons with disabilities, and e) continue to review and update recapitalization requirements for other provincially owned and operated historic sites, museums and cultural facilities.

The following projects were undertaken in collaboration with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation:

a) The renewal of the Royal Alberta Museum (formerly the Provincial Museum of Alberta) is a flagship legacy project of the Alberta 2005 Centennial, and this year saw the project move from the conceptual to the detailed planning stage.

b) As part of the 2004-05 Capital Planning Initiative, the need for Artifact Centres to house the province's heritage collections was identified as a high priority. A continued focus on the requirement for storage solutions will be maintained over the coming years as the facilities complete a detailed analysis of on-site and off-site storage needs and projected storage requirements for the next 20 years.

c) The Northern and Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditoria closed at the end of June 2004 to allow for extensive renovations and improvements identified through consultation with stakeholders and patrons. Renovations focussed on improving patron comfort through new heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; improving sightlines and natural acoustics; and improving accessibility. This project is a collaboration between the Ministry and the affiliated Friends societies.

d) In a continued effort to improve access for persons with disabilities and for seniors, work was completed at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village to improve handicapped access to washrooms in the administration/visitor centre.

e) The following recapitalization requirements were reviewed and updated, in consultation with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation, as part of the 2004-05 Cross-Ministry Capital Planning Initiative: Deferred Heritage Infrastructure and Capital Maintenance; Gallery Redevelopment; Heritage Facilities Modern Infrastructure Upgrading; Provincial Artifact Centre; Turner Valley Gas Plant Environmental Remediation, Heritage Preservation and Interpretive Development; Royal Tyrrell Museum Artifact Centre and Recapitalization of Galleries; Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village Enrichment and Bandshell; and Reynolds-Alberta Museum Artifact Centre and Exhibit Hall Expansion.

STRATEGY 3.2

Coordinate Alberta's 2005 Centennial Program in partnership with other ministries, foundations, communities, non-profit organizations, municipalities and the federal government to provide opportunities for Albertans to participate in the celebrations and leave a legacy for future generations.

The Ministry focused on leaving a tangible, lasting legacy for future generations by working with communities to plan special events, build commemorative public facilities and create unique tributes to recognize Alberta's past, present and future. It further capitalized on the opportunity for Albertans and visitors to enjoy Alberta's community and cultural activities and to experience the province's cultural and natural heritage through preparation for the province's 2005 centennial. The countdown to Alberta's Centennial was launched from the steps of the Alberta Legislature on September 1, 2004, with a major event "Ready, Set, Celebrate!"

The Royal Alberta Museum Renewal Project and the extensive renovation and recapitalization of the Northern and the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditoria are examples of the legacy Alberta's 2005 centennial will leave for future generations. The renewed Museum will capture the Alberta story, deliver an extraordinary visitor experience and attract the best touring exhibits from museums around the world. The new, state of the art Jubilee Auditoria will meet new requirements to enable major performances and events and offer an enhanced patron experience.

ALBERTA CENTENNIAL FACT

Alberta was named after Princess Louise Caroline Alberta, the fourth daughter of Queen Victoria and wife of the Marquis of Lorne, Canada's Governor General from 1878 to 1883. Lake Louise is also named after the princess.

The Ministry supported 45 community owned and operated projects across Alberta, such as leisure centres and museums, by awarding $33 million in Alberta Centennial Legacies Grants (Phase 3) over 2004-05 and 2005-06. An additional $10 million was provided to incorporated municipalities, First Nations and Métis Settlements in Alberta through the Alberta Centennial Per Capita Municipal Grant Program.

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STRATEGY 3.3

Continue planning for an electronic records preservation strategy to facilitate the acquisition, preservation and access of primary records.

The Ministry worked with the Ministry of Government Services and the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation to complete a digital preservation pilot project. The requirements for a government digital preservation strategy were identified through the project. This is the first stage of a multi-phased initiative to address the preservation of the government's digital heritage.

In partnership with the University of Calgary, the Ministry will also develop a digital preservation standard for the Provincial Archives of Alberta. This project will be harmonized with efforts regarding digital preservation strategies for the Government of Alberta.

STRATEGY 3.4

Increase the efficiency, effectiveness and quality of existing historical resource management programs by continuing to work with stakeholders and other government entities.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development, a pilot project was developed for the management of historical resources within the C5 Forestry Management Unit in southern Alberta. As well, collaboration with the Ministry of Energy following the revision of the Ammonite Shell Regulation in July 2004 led to improvements in the exemption process.

The Ministry joined the Government of Alberta's Aboriginal Consultation Committee, and visited the Majorville Cairn and Medicine Wheel sites in October 2004 to begin review of historical resources in this area that have special significance to the Aboriginal community.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Listing of Significant Historical Sites and Areas is available to the public and can be used to facilitate development planning for all land surface disturbance activities in the province.

A new action matrix to determine if an historical resources impact assessment is required led to significant efficiencies in the operation of the referral programs within the Ministry.

An update to the Listing of Significant Historical Sites and Areas was undertaken to ensure that significant known historical resources are not inadvertently damaged by development activities.

STRATEGY 3.5

Further the preservation of heritage properties by working with the Department of Canadian Heritage on the new national Historic Places initiative.

The Ministry placed nine provincial historic resources and 29 municipal historic resources on the Canadian Register of Historic Places. It also secured funding for the ongoing operation of the Alberta component of the Historic Places Initiative, known as the Municipal Heritage Partnership Program. The Ministry also finalized the framework for the operation of the Municipal Heritage Partnership Program, and furthered the identification and protection of locally and regionally significant historical resources.

The Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada were integrated into the management of provincially designated resources, and three staff were trained as Certification Agents for the federally sponsored Commercial Heritage Properties Incentives Fund. The staff participated in the review of these projects, generating approximately $70,000 for the Ministry.

STRATEGY 3.6

Continue to develop the Collections and Exhibits Infrastructure Management System and explore alternative approaches to infrastructure management system development.

Improvements to the electronic access of heritage and cultural resources were undertaken through the Heritage Resource Management Information System (HeRMIS) in an effort to enhance service to Albertans. HeRMIS will enable public access to the Ministry's heritage and cultural resources through the Internet. HeRMIS website development commenced and an overall website look was introduced. Conversion of HeRMIS data for Ministry facilities such

as the Provincial Archives of Alberta and the Royal Tyrrell Museum were completed to facilitate electronic access. As well, over 3,000 digital images have been prepared for integration into HeRMIS.

STRATEGY 3.7

Investigate, identify and implement steps to increase self-generating revenues for facility/program reinvestment partnerships, and pursue external funding opportunities for the enrichment of the ministry heritage and cultural facilities network.

The Ministry's heritage facilities continued to pursue self-generated revenues to support the delivery of heritage programs. In 2004-05, admissions revenues received from historic sites, museums and interpretive centres exceeded $3.3 million. As well, revenue from Archaeological Permit fees increased from approximately $153,000 in 2003-04 to approximately $185,000 in 2004-05. This revenue was used to enhance the delivery of the provincial heritage resource managements programs.

The Ministry continued to offer a range of programs that generated revenues to offset costs. The Oil Sands Discovery Centre generated a number of sponsorships during 2004-05. The Alberta Athabasca Oil Sands Project continued to sponsor an education program, and additional funding contributed by various corporate donors supported other programming initiatives such as Summer Day Camp and the Science Olympics at the Centre. The Oil Sands Discovery Centre also received funding from Suncor Energy and the S.M. Blair Family Foundation to assist in updating the facility's main theatre presentation, Quest for Energy. Also, various companies assisted with upgrading the exhibits and displays at the Centre's Industrial Garden Exhibit.

DID YOU KNOW?

Provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres attract more non-local visitors than local. Visitors living within 40 km of the facility make up 18% of visitation while visitors from elsewhere in Alberta make up 41%. An additional 28% are from other Canadian provinces, 7% are from the United States and 7% are from other countries*.

– *Heritage Facilities Visitor Survey*

*Does not equal 100% due to rounding.

The Royal Alberta Museum successfully obtained more than $258,000 in funding from federal, provincial and corporate sources. In addition, the Reynolds-Alberta Museum worked on developing an exhibit sponsorship agreement with Honda Canada, for the Life and Times of the Motorcycle Exhibit.

The Royal Tyrrell Museum began offering birthday parties for young dinosaur enthusiasts in November 2004, and converted the Cretaceous Crime Scene into a fully digital, self-guiding, interactive learning experience funded in part by the Ministry of Education and the Weston Foundation. This new learning opportunity enables Albertans to expand their knowledge and enjoyment of the province's palaeontological history.

STRATEGY 3.8

Continue to improve data collection methods at provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres to ensure consistent reporting of performance measurement information.

Standardized forms and procedures were implemented for collecting visitor attendance at provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres. Data on attendance at educational programs and other functions were also collected. After completion of the 2004 Summer Visitor Survey of provincial heritage facilities, meetings were held with site staff and the survey consultant to solicit feedback and to identify further improvements on data collection methods.

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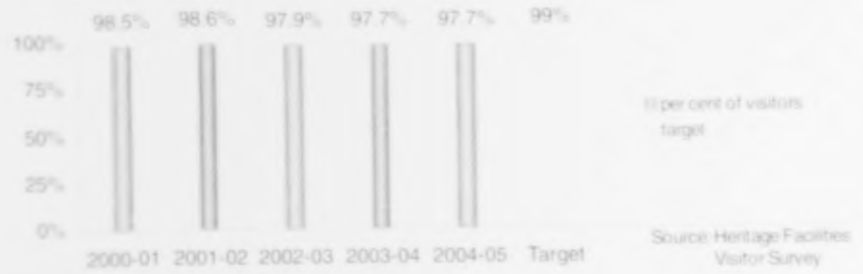
Performance Measures

MEASURE 3.A

Satisfaction of visitors with experiences at provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres

Percentage of visitors satisfied with their experience



Description

This measure shows the percentage of visitors to provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres who were satisfied overall with their visit and provides an indication of the Ministry's success in preserving and presenting Alberta's heritage.

Results

Results remained exceptionally high in 2004-05 and nearly met the target of 99 per cent.

Analysis

The Ministry focused on providing innovative ways for Albertans to experience their history, including developing a digital interactive learning experience at the Royal Tyrrell Museum and furthering electronic access to detailed information about the province's heritage and cultural resources through the Internet. The focus and condition of exhibits and facilities, and visitors' expectations and previous experiences may influence results.

CLIENT FEEDBACK

Beautiful site with wonderful staff, great activities for families and children is the reason we keep coming back.

– visitor to Historic Dunvegan

I found this museum to be a wonderful exhibition and an incredible tribute to the history of autos and the area.

– visitor to Reynolds-Alberta Museum

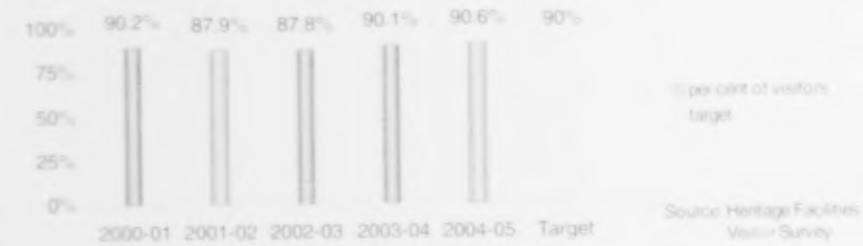
An excellent example of how an historic site was preserved and facilities provided without spoiling the entertainment.

– visitor to Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump

MEASURE 3.B

Knowledge gained of Alberta history by visitors to provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres

Perception of knowledge gained of Alberta history by visitors to provincial historic sites, museums and interpretative centres



Description

This measure indicates visitors' perceptions of the knowledge they gained of Alberta history during a visit to a provincial historic site, museum or interpretive centre.

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Results

In 2004-05, 90.6 per cent of visitors rated the knowledge they gained of Alberta history as "excellent" or "good," exceeding the target of 90 per cent.

Analysis

The Ministry continued to offer a wide range of public programs that enhance and expand visitors' knowledge and appreciation of Alberta's history, including curriculum based programs, special events, youth oriented programs, tours and other interpretive activities. The Ministry also developed and delivered educational programs about Aboriginal history and culture at six provincial historic sites. Results may be influenced by the focus of exhibits and programs offered during a visit and visitors' expectations or previous experiences.

MEASURE 3.C (i)

Economic impact of provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres ($ millions): Value-added impact

Value-added economic impact of provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres

MEASURE 3.C (ii)

Economic impact of provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres ($ millions): Taxation revenue returned to three levels of government

Taxation revenue from provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres

INTERESTING FACT

Alberta's provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres generate the equivalent of 1,130 full-time jobs.

– *Demand Economic Impact Model*

Description

Measures 3.c (i) and (ii) indicate the level of economic activity, in current dollars, created by the operation of the Ministry's provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres. They also provide an indication of the economic benefits associated with preservation and development of the province's heritage resources. Due to the volume and complexity of data collection and analysis, results lag one year behind the reporting year.

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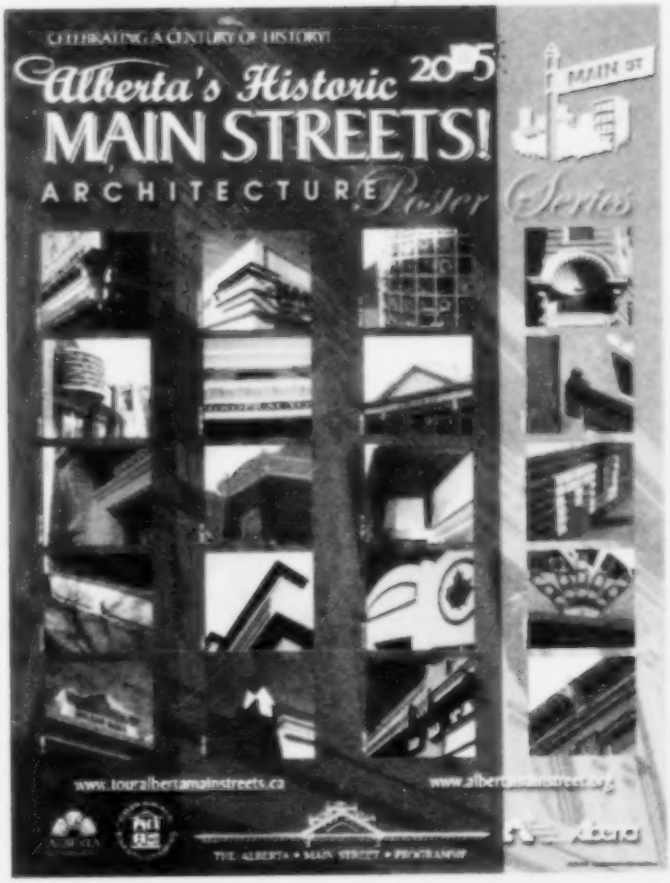
Results

In 2003-04, the $49.7 million value added economic impact of provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres was below the $55 million target for 2003-04, but the $22.1 million in taxation revenue returned to three levels of government met the $22 million target for 2003-04.

Analysis

The Ministry continued to showcase Alberta's historical resources and culture to Albertans and the world through operating a network of 17 provincial heritage facilities that attracts approximately 900,000 annual visits and features numerous learning programs, thematic exhibits, and special events.

Results may be affected by global, national and provincial tourism trends, the general state of the economy and the attractiveness and relative competitive nature of Alberta's heritage facilities. Visitation also has a direct impact on the results achieved. The target for the value added economic impact of provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres was reduced to $53 million in the Ministry's 2005-08 Business Plan, based on available results and visitation figures.



ALBERTA MAIN STREET PROGRAMME

Helps restore the historic integrity, architectural character and economic vitality to traditional main streets by providing to Albertan communities:

- professional architectural expertise
- building conservation grants
- strategies and resources in organization, marketing and economic development

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Find it on the web:

www.albertamainstreet.org

Maintain Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas to preserve the province's natural heritage and provide opportunities for heritage appreciation, outdoor recreation and heritage tourism.

Goal 4 - Maintain Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas to preserve the province's natural heritage and provide opportunities for heritage appreciation, outdoor recreation and heritage tourism consumed 22.1% ($44.6 million) of the Ministry's 2004-05 operating expense.

Overview

The Ministry supports this goal on an ongoing basis by:

- Preserving a network of provincial parks and protected areas that represents the diversity of the province's natural heritage and related cultural heritage.
- Providing opportunities for Albertans and visitors to explore, understand and appreciate the province's natural heritage through nature and heritage based recreation and tourism opportunities, facilities and services.

Achievements

STRATEGY 4.1

Work with the Ministries of Infrastructure and Transportation, Environment, and Economic Development to develop and advance a reinvestment strategy for Alberta's provincial parks and major recreation areas to re-capitalize and sustain basic facilities and ensure public health and safety, including a safe and secure drinking water supply.

The parks reinvestment strategy was developed into a business case, entitled Alberta Parks and Protected Areas: Infrastructure Reinvestment, in cooperation with Infrastructure and Transportation, Economic Development and several other ministries. Also, a multi-year initiative was launched to repair and upgrade provincial parks' water and sewer infrastructure and other immediate safety hazards such as needed repairs to boat docks, boardwalks and washrooms.

An extensive upgrade of the Canmore Nordic Centre was initiated in support of the 2005 Calgary-Canmore World Cup Cross-Country Skiing event to improve the cross-country and biathlon sport facilities and trails to meet international competition standards and to accommodate increased visitation.

Our Alberta

Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park

DID YOU KNOW?

All six of Alberta's natural regions are represented in the parks network.

- Rocky Mountains
- Foothills
- Grasslands
- Parkland
- Boreal Forest
- Canadian Shield

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STRATEGY 4.2

Develop an updated parks system plan and strategic direction for the management and protection of Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas.

The Natural Regions Framework is the landscape classification system used to describe environmental diversity and the scientific framework for the parks and protected areas network. There are six natural regions currently recognized in Alberta: Rocky Mountain, Foothills, Grassland, Parkland, Boreal Forest and Canadian Shield. The six natural regions are further divided into 20 sub-regions, each of which is further divided into natural history themes. All parks and protected areas represent one or more of the province's six natural regions and 20 sub-regions and contain a number of natural history themes. Themes are the natural characteristics of an area such as landforms, forest types or plant communities that help to determine how representative or unique that area is. Natural history themes provide the basis for describing the diversity of Alberta's landforms, habitat, vegetation patterns and other features represented in Alberta's parks and protected areas. Three levels of themes, called level 1, 2 and 3, provide for increasing levels of definition of habitats and natural features.

Further work was completed to develop an updated park systems plan based on the Natural Regions Framework, and refinement of the Natural Regions Framework resulted in an additional sub-region being added to the Boreal Forest Natural Region. Level 1 natural history theme targets have been adjusted to accommodate the additional sub-region. The specific themes represented in boreal sites were re-evaluated and adjusted where appropriate. The natural regions and sub-regions maps were also updated. Further work toward completion of the updated park systems plan will continue in 2005-06.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Alberta parks and protected areas network is more than 27,500 square kilometres, nearly five times the size of Prince Edward Island.

STRATEGY 4.3

Develop, consolidate and update legislation and regulations to provide a sound basis for the management and protection of Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas.

Planning for a *Provincial Parks Amendment Act* and a *Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves, Natural Areas, and Heritage Rangelands Amendment Act* was initiated.

The Ministry assisted the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in their review of municipal taxation of businesses operating in provincial parks and recreation areas and the subsequent amendments of the *Municipal Government Act* to clarify taxation requirements.

STRATEGY 4.4

Develop and implement a revitalization strategy for heritage appreciation that includes education, interpretive and marketing strategies to increase Albertans' awareness and appreciation for Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas.

Implementation of the revitalization strategy continued in 2004-05 and several initiatives were finalized. New heritage appreciation strategies for Cypress Hills and Dinosaur Provincial Parks and a draft heritage appreciation plan for Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park were completed. A heritage appreciation plan was initiated for the Beaverhills area, focusing on Miquelon Lake Provincial Park and the Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area. These plans define new goals, objectives, themes, key messages and target markets. The plans also update resource information, and incorporate new strategies for the development of products and services and associated facility development.

DID YOU KNOW?

Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park contains the largest collection of Aboriginal rock art in the North American Great Plains.

Heritage appreciation services were expanded to reach new audiences. A Parks in the Classroom outreach education program was developed in Edmonton and a best practices study was undertaken to look at inclusive educational programs for people with physical disabilities.

The Ministry entered into an educational partnership with Ducks Unlimited to develop and present educational programs for grade five students across the province about Alberta wetland habitats and their preservation.

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Branding exercises were initiated with Travel Alberta to redefine and strengthen the brand and identity of Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park and Dinosaur Provincial Park. Also, a business case for major revisions and improvements to the Parks and Protected Areas Gateway website and database was initiated to improve the quality of information available to the public, including making publications available online.

STRATEGY 4.5

Increase opportunities for volunteer involvement and new partnerships to enhance research, monitoring and the provision of services at provincial parks and protected areas.

Each year, over 2,500 Albertans volunteer more than 100,000 hours of their time to support the Parks and Protected Areas Program. Volunteers are involved in customer service, conservation efforts, greeting park visitors, educational programming, scientific research, maintenance and administration. They make significant contributions to all aspects of the Parks and Protected Areas Program, and their involvement continues to grow.

The fall 2004 Volunteer Conference was held in Bow Valley Provincial Park. Five individuals and three organizations were recognized for their volunteer efforts with Alberta's parks and protected areas.

STRATEGY 4.6

Enhance the Alberta Natural Heritage Information Centre's ability to provide quality natural heritage data to support effective management and protection of Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas and to provide natural heritage data to clients and partners in other provincial and federal agencies, universities, industry, and national and international conservation organizations.

The Alberta Natural Heritage Information Centre is one of over 80 conservation data centres in an international Natural Heritage Network and is a member of NatureServe – a network connecting science with conservation. The Centre compiled and updated data to support the management of Alberta's parks and protected areas and to respond to requests for data. Expanded biophysical inventories resulted in several plant species being newly reported for Alberta. Also, significant gains in linking the work of the Centre with planning and resource management issues in parks and protected areas were realized through hosting a workshop entitled Planning Our Common Future.

The Centre partnered with other agencies on several initiatives, including development of a Forest Gene Conservation Plan for Alberta. The Centre also completed a major project with the Nature Conservancy of Canada to identify conservation goals for the prairie and parkland natural regions and updated the natural region and sub-region boundaries in association with the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development. Also, the Adopt-a-Plant Program was undertaken with the Alberta Native Plant Council.

STRATEGY 4.7

Identify biophysical resource inventory and management planning priorities for the 2004-07 timeframe and complete biophysical resource inventories and management plans for priority parks and protected areas.

A biophysical inventory was completed for Birch Mountains Wildland Park and for several smaller projects. Biophysical inventories provide baseline data and background information for the development of management plans and environmental monitoring projects.

Management plans for Cold Lake Provincial Park and Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area were completed. Management plans provide the long-term vision and day-to-day guidance required for individual parks and protected areas and provide detailed objectives and guidelines that state how a site's natural heritage values will be preserved.

A template for research projects was developed to help coordinate the submission process for internal inventory and research proposals. Priorities for inventory and research projects were also established. Projects are designed to fill information gaps on the natural diversity of Alberta.

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STRATEGY 4.8

Work with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation to complete the planning and development of four Centennial Legacy projects (visitor centres in Writing-on-Stone, Dinosaur, and Cypress Hills Provincial Parks and the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation, an avian research centre in Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park).

The Ministry worked in collaboration with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation to plan and develop four centennial legacy projects in provincial parks. Specifically, architectural drawings and tender documents were completed for Dinosaur Provincial Park and the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation in Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park. The tender was awarded and construction was initiated at Dinosaur Provincial Park.

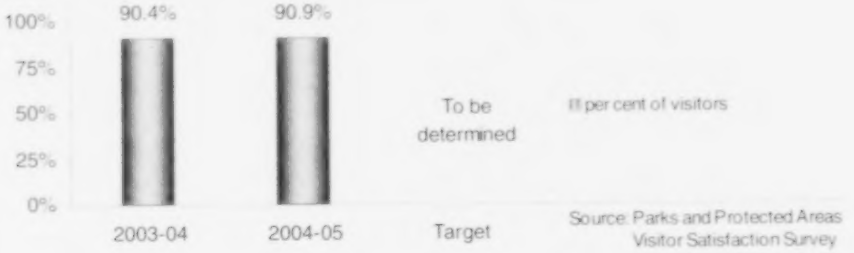
New funding proposals for Writing-On-Stone and Cypress Hills Provincial Parks were prepared and exhibit concept plans for Dinosaur, Cypress Hills and Writing-on-Stone Provincial Parks were completed. A business plan for Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation was completed in conjunction with its operating society.

Performance Measures

MEASURE 4.A

Satisfaction of visitors with experiences at provincial parks and recreation areas

Percentage of visitors satisfied with services and facilities at provincial parks and recreation areas



Source: Parks and Protected Areas Visitor Satisfaction Survey

Description

This measure indicates the percentage of visitors who were satisfied overall with the services and facilities at Alberta's provincial parks and recreation areas.

INTERESTING FACT

Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas receive more than eight million visits per year.

Results

In 2004-05, 90.9 per cent of visitors were satisfied overall with the services and facilities at Alberta's provincial parks and recreation areas, which continue to attract over 8 million visits a year. These results are up slightly from the previous year when 90.4 per cent of visitors were satisfied.

Analysis

Although overall satisfaction increased in 2004-05, a large portion of the negative comments received through the survey were related to the condition of facilities. Visitors' satisfaction is also influenced by interactions with other visitors, programs offered during the visit, public awareness of facilities and services, service provided by contractors and park staff and the age, condition and cleanliness of facilities. A target was not available for 2004-05, but a target of 91 per cent has been set in the Ministry's 2005-08 Business Plan based on the average of 2003-04 and 2004-05 results.

Cross-Ministry Priority Policy Initiatives

ABORIGINAL POLICY INITIATIVE

The Ministry

Supported the coordination and delivery of the Alberta's Future Leaders Program to 12 Aboriginal communities. The program had three components: summer sport and recreation programming, provincial leadership retreats and arts camps. The total number of participant service hours for the sport and recreation programming and provincial leadership retreats was approximately 60,400. Total attendance in the Arts Camps component was approximately 2,400.

Participated in the Calgary Urban Aboriginal Initiative and facilitated numerous planning workshops and stakeholder meetings with Aboriginal organizations such as the Indigenous Sport Council of Alberta, Urban Aboriginal Community Advisory Board and the Métis Nation of Alberta.

Enacted the *Blackfoot First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Regulation* to allow for the repatriation of sacred and ceremonial objects from government collections to Blackfoot First Nations. The application format and guidelines were finalized to facilitate implementation.

Provided planning assistance to the Sisika First Nation to develop the Blackfoot Crossing Interpretive Centre and to the Buffalo Nations Society to develop their museum in Banff. The Ministry was an active member of the Land Underfoot Museums Network to promote Aboriginal tourism in Alberta. The Ministry also chaired the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Working Group on Aboriginal Culture and Tourism, which aims to develop a set of tools that will assist First Nations across the country in participating in Aboriginal tourism initiatives. Recently completed projects include an analysis of non-Aboriginal views on Aboriginal tourism products and services.

Results from a 2004-05 survey indicated that 88 per cent of visitors to six provincial historic sites where Aboriginal history and culture was presented, rated the understanding they gained of Aboriginal culture during their visit as "good" or "excellent." Also, the Ministry evaluated baseline data collected in 2002-03 and 2003-04 regarding visitor satisfaction with the promotion of Aboriginal culture in Writing-on-Stone and Cypress Hills provincial parks to enhance appreciation of Aboriginal culture.

ALBERTA CHILDREN AND YOUTH INITIATIVE

The Ministry

Funded youth summer schools in theatre (Arts Trek), music (Music Camp Alberta), visual arts (Summerscape) and film/video (Film/Video Summer School) through the Alberta Foundation for the Arts. Youth training opportunities in dance were also supported.

Provided support for sport, recreation, parks and wildlife projects aimed primarily at children and youth. Also, supported the participation of young Alberta athletes (aged 12-17) in the Alberta Summer Games.

Provided assistance through the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund to develop educational materials and youth leadership to help children and youth combat discrimination and foster inclusive communities.

Offered curriculum-based and family-oriented learning opportunities to thousands of participants who took part in educational and public programs at provincial heritage facilities. The Ministry also developed curriculum in partnership with the Ministry of Education that will be launched in 2005. The Royal Alberta Museum was involved in developing the curriculum and the Ministry of Education helped the Museum design new school programs.

Provided children ages 10-14 the chance to experience a dinosaur dig in a simulated quarry by expanding the Royal Tyrrell Museum's public programs to include a new family-oriented summer activity called Excavate It! The Ministry also worked with the producers of a program about unusual occupations, broadcast on Discovery Kids, to film the activities of a fossil technician at the Museum.

Provided family oriented interpretive programming at 11 provincial parks across the province. The Ministry also provided outreach programs in Calgary schools and provided curriculum-based environmental education programming at six locations across the province.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The Ministry

Operated 17 provincial heritage facilities featuring numerous learning programs, thematic exhibits, cultural and special events, and various festivities. Heritage based tourism opportunities were also provided through the Ministry's network of parks and protected areas. Also, Ministry study of organizations funded by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts found that the arts contribute approximately $153 million to the provincial economy.

Supported the development of Alberta's tourism policy and programs by participating on the Strategic Tourism Marketing Council and collaborating with the Ministry of Economic Development. Also, facilitated the Aboriginal Chief's Roundtable for Alberta Economic Development and several sessions with municipalities and businesses to enhance opportunities for economic development in communities throughout Alberta.

Participated in the development of a provincial strategy for skilled immigrants and provided funding for the integration of immigrants into the Alberta economy.

Supported the establishment of the Centre of Excellence for Rural and Economic Development at Lethbridge Community College, and worked on developing formal capacity development models to further rural development through individual, organization and community initiatives.

HEALTH SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE

The Ministry

Supported the 2004 Alberta SummerActive Campaign, which highlighted the importance of integrating healthy eating, tobacco-free living and daily physical activity into a healthy lifestyle. Alberta registered a record number of 45,000 participants through the SummerActive Campaign, which represented 60 per cent of the total participants in Canada.

Promoted an active lifestyle through the Live Outside the Box Campaign, which encouraged individuals to turn off their televisions, computers and video games. Over 37,000 individuals participated in the Alberta Active Living Challenge Day by being active for at least 30 minutes.

Provided financial support for pilot projects in the Calgary Health Region and the Chinook Health Region for phase two of the Home Support Exercise Program, a physical activity intervention for frail, homebound seniors. Efforts are underway to incorporate nutritional information into the program.

Integrated Results Analysis

OPERATING EXPENSE BY CORE BUSINESS

(millions of dollars)

This section focuses on comparing planned to actual results in terms of both financial and business performance. The following schedule outlines the actual expenditures incurred in comparison to budgeted resources for achieving the objectives of each core business.

	2005				2004
	Estimates (per 2004-07 Business Plan)	Adjustments[1]	Authorized Budget	Actual	Actual Restated
Core Business 1 – Support Individuals and Organizations Through Community Development	$ 97.5	$ -	$ 97.5	$ 93.0	$ 94.6
Objectives: ▪ Strong community capacity in the areas of arts, sport and recreation, libraries, and the voluntary sector. ▪ Participatory opportunities enhance individual's quality of life. ▪ Effective liaison with the Francophone community in Alberta.					
Core Business 2 – Protect Human Rights, Promote Fairness and Access, and Support the Protection, Inclusion, and Participation of all Albertans	5.8	-	5.8	5.8	5.3
Objectives: ▪ Equal dignity, rights, and responsibilities for all Albertans. ▪ Albertans appreciate diverse racial and cultural composition in the province.					
Core Business 3 – Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's History, Culture and Provincial Parks and Protected Areas	110.6	0.4	111.0	102.9	86.5
Objectives: ▪ Alberta's history and culture is well preserved. ▪ Albertans and visitors explore and appreciate the historic sites and provincial parks and protected areas. ▪ Albertans understand and appreciate the province's natural heritage.					
Total Operating Expense	$ 213.9	$ 0.4	$ 214.3	$ 201.7	$ 186.4

[1] Adjustments include supplementary estimates and dedicated revenue shortfalls.

Highlights of changes in the Ministry's spending are as follows:

The core business *Support individuals and organizations through community development* had decreased expenses of $1.6 million from the prior year due primarily to no funding provided for the Alberta NHL Teams Initiative due to the NHL lockout, offset by increased funding to the Alberta Film Development Program.

The core business *Protect human rights, promote fairness and access, and support the protection, inclusion, and participation of all Albertans* had increased expenses of $0.5 million from the prior year due primarily to the increased complexity and volume of human rights complaint investigations.

The core business *Preserve, protect, and present Alberta's history, culture and provincial parks and protected areas* had increased expenses of $16.4 million from the prior year. This is due primarily to grants and program costs for the Alberta 2005 Centennial Initiative.

Core Business 1 – Total Operating Expense - $93.0 Million. Despite the Ministry's efforts to support the voluntary sector and to recognize and acknowledge the contributions of individual volunteers, the percentage of adult Albertans who volunteer declined in 2004-05. Alberta's strong economy and high employment rate may have affected these results, as the main reason Albertans gave for not volunteering was that they were too busy. Voluntary sector organizations, agencies serving the voluntary sector and government ministries were overwhelmingly satisfied with the services provided by the Ministry's voluntary services area.

After a downward trend in the percentage of adult Albertans who participate in sport and recreational activities there was an increase in 2004-05. Participation in arts and cultural activities also increased.

The Ministry continued to support and promote Alberta public libraries, but was not able to meet its target for the percentage of adult Albertans who use public libraries. The additional support provided to facilitate public libraries access to the Alberta SuperNet will improve service delivery and may increase library usage.

The $2.5 million in increased funding for the Alberta Film Development Program contributed to substantial gains in the number of film production employment opportunities for Albertans and the value of film production by Albertans in Alberta, which increased by 8.1 per cent and 23 per cent respectively.

Core Business 2 – Total Operating Expense - $5.8 Million. Although the increased complexity and volume of human rights complaints continues to be a challenge for the Ministry, the percentage of adult Albertans who feel human rights are well protected in Alberta increased for the second consecutive year and surpassed the target of 86 per cent. Given that the majority of grounds cited in human rights complaint files are in the area of employment, the Ministry continued to focus on building inclusive workplaces that are free of discrimination.

Core Business 3 – Total Operating Expense - $102.9 Million. The Ministry's provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres continued to impress Albertans and visitors from around the world. The percentage of visitors who were satisfied with their experience to a provincial historic site, museum or interpretive centre remained around 98 per cent, and the percentage of visitors who rated the knowledge they gained of Alberta history as "excellent" or "good" surpassed the target of 90 per cent. These results were attained by providing innovative ways for Albertans to experience their history and by offering a wide range of public programs that expand visitors' knowledge and appreciation of Alberta's history.

The Ministry's historic sites, museums and interpretive centres also made a significant economic contribution. The most recent results, from 2003-04, show that provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres contributed nearly $50 million in value added economic impact and $22.1 million in total taxation revenue.

The percentage of visitors who were satisfied with the services and facilities at provincial parks and recreation areas increased slightly since the previous year. However, negative comments related to the condition of facilities continued to be received. The Ministry's launch of a multi-year initiative to repair and upgrade provincial parks' water and sewer infrastructure and other immediate safety hazards will help address the condition of the parks infrastructure.

Forward Looking Information

The service issues, major needs, trends and opportunities that define the environment in which the Ministry operates provide guidance in developing the Ministry's goals and strategies. Issues within the strategic environment that impact the Ministry's business plan include:

- Increasing demands for assistance with building local capacity in the areas of the arts, sport and recreation, libraries, the voluntary sector and human rights;
- Increasingly complex demands within the public library and archival systems for service delivery and access to information in a rapidly changing society;
- Responding to Albertans who face discrimination, increasing complexity of human rights and diversity issues, and the growing need for programs and services that contribute to building a more inclusive and respectful society;
- Increasingly high expectations for up-to-date exhibits and services at provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres, which continue to attract an average of 900,000 local and international visitors annually;
- Balancing the public's expectations for outdoor recreation opportunities against their expectations for the protection and preservation of Alberta's natural heritage and ecological diversity, as provincial parks and protected areas continue to attract over eight million visitors annually;
- Effective management, protection and monitoring of all Alberta provincial parks and protected areas, given the expansion of 13 existing parks and protected areas and the creation of 81 new ones as a result of the Special Places Program;
- Changing expectations, demographics and trends in outdoor recreation and heritage tourism;
- Needs to maintain, upgrade and renew the aging infrastructure for provincial parks, protected areas, historic sites, museums and interpretive centres to protect the integrity of Alberta's heritage infrastructure;
- Integrating new information technologies within the Ministry's operations to optimize the preservation, protection and presentation of Alberta's history, culture, provincial parks and protected areas; and
- New revenue generation alternatives and flexible financial arrangements to facilitate the preservation, protection and presentation of Alberta's history, culture, provincial parks and protected areas.

Strategic priorities have been identified through the Ministry's review of external and internal challenges. These are in addition to the important ongoing core activities of the Ministry and are of primary importance in focusing the Ministry on achieving its goals. The Ministry's strategic priorities are:

- Quality of Life – Building appreciation and understanding of the value of active and inclusive communities, cultural, historical and natural heritage to advancing quality of life.

- Infrastructure Renewal – Upgrading, renewing and maintaining infrastructure for provincial parks, protected areas, historic sites, museums and interpretive centres.

- Alberta Centennial – Providing opportunities for Albertans to participate in the commemoration of the 2005 Centennial, and leaving a lasting legacy for future generations.

- Capacity Building – Increasing local capacity for self-reliance in arts and culture, film, sport and recreation, libraries, the voluntary sector and human rights.

- Inclusive Communities – Fostering equality, supporting the reduction of discrimination and barriers to full participation in society for everyone in Alberta, and supporting the development of inclusive communities.

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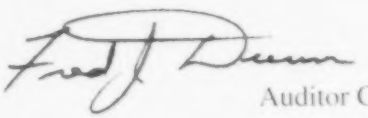
To the Members of the Legislative Assembly

I have audited the consolidated statement of financial position of the Ministry of Community Development (the Ministry) as at March 31, 2005 and the consolidated statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Ministry's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Ministry as at March 31, 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.



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Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2005, except as to
Note 11 which is as of June 15, 2005

Ministry of Community Development
Consolidated Statement of Operations
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005		2004
	Budget (Schedule 4)	Actual	Actual Restated (Note 3)
Revenues (Schedule 1)			
Internal Government Transfers	$ 85,861	$ 85,866	$ 72,144
Transfers from the Government of Canada	2,079	1,486	1,460
Investment Income	1,494	861	1,075
Premiums, Fees and Licences	8,790	7,850	7,576
Other Revenue	6,254	8,068	10,176
	104,478	104,131	92,431
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Note 2(c) and Schedules 3 and 6)			
Support Individuals and Organizations through Community Development	95,388	91,090	92,697
Protect Human Rights, and Promote Fairness and Access	5,276	5,281	4,821
Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's History and Culture	53,638	53,971	37,979
Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's Provincial Parks and Protected Areas	47,895	40,735	40,325
Ministry Support Services	11,491	10,390	10,233
	213,688	201,467	186,055
Valuation Adjustments			
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	-	(2)	34
Provision for Vacation Pay	217	228	347
	217	226	381
Total Expenses	213,905	201,693	186,436
Gain on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	6,279	18	2
Net Operating Results	$ (103,148)	$ (97,544)	$ (94,003)

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these consolidated financial statements.

Ministry of Community Development
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004 Restated (Note 3)
Assets		
Cash and Short-term Investments (Note 4)	$ 16,290	$ 18,404
Accounts Receivable, Prepaid Expenses and Inventories (Note 5)	1,627	1,571
Long-term Investments (Note 6)	8,467	8,467
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 7)	182,072	183,107
	$ 208,456	$ 211,549
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 20,031	$ 23,801
Unearned Revenue	907	736
	20,938	24,537
Net Assets		
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	187,012	193,628
Net Operating Results	(97,544)	(94,003)
Net Transfer from General Revenues	98,050	87,387
Net Assets, End of Year (Note 9)	187,518	187,012
	$ 208,456	$ 211,549

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these consolidated financial statements.

Ministry of Community Development
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004 Restated (Note 3)
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ (97,544)	$ (94,003)
Non-cash Items included in Net Operating Results:		
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	9,494	9,323
Valuation Adjustments	226	392
Gain on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	(18)	(2)
	(87,842)	(84,290)
Increase in Accounts Receivable, Prepaid Expenses and Inventories before Valuation Adjustments	(54)	(141)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities before Valuation Adjustments	(3,998)	4,440
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	171	(502)
Cash Applied to Operating Transactions	(91,723)	(80,493)
Capital Transactions		
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets	(9,282)	(5,571)
Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	54	625
Transfers of Tangible Capital Assets	787	(120)
Donation of Tangible Capital Assets	-	(294)
Cash Applied to Capital Transactions	(8,441)	(5,360)
Financing Transactions		
Net Transfer from General Revenues	98,050	87,387
Increase in Cash	(2,114)	1,534
Cash and Short-term Investments, Beginning of Year	18,404	16,870
Cash and Short-term Investments, End of Year	$ 16,290	$ 18,404

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Minister of Community Development (Minister) has, by the *Government Organization Act* and its regulations, been designated responsible for various *Acts*. To fulfill these responsibilities, the Minister is responsible for the organizations listed in Note 2(a). The authority under which each organization operates is also listed in Note 2(a). Together these organizations form the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry).

The purpose of the Ministry is to enhance and preserve the quality of life for Albertans. This is done by:

- Supporting a high quality of life in Alberta by working in collaboration with individuals, organizations and communities to increase local capacity for self-reliance in the arts and culture, sport and recreation, library and voluntary sectors;
- Increasing understanding and awareness of diversity, fostering equality and reducing discrimination so all Albertans have the opportunity to participate in the social, economic and cultural life of the province;
- Preserving, protecting, presenting, researching and promoting appreciation for Alberta's historical resources and culture and providing opportunities for heritage tourism; and
- Maintaining Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas to preserve the province's natural heritage and providing opportunities for heritage appreciation, outdoor recreation and heritage tourism.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all ministries.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Ministry of Community Development. The *Government Accountability Act* defines a Ministry as including the Department and any Provincial agency and Crown-controlled organization for which the Minister is responsible.

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the following organizations:

Organization	Authority
Department of Community Development	*Government Organization Act*
Alberta Foundation for the Arts	*Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act*
The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation	*Historical Resources Act*
Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation	*Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act*
The Government House Foundation	*Government House Act*
The Historic Resources Fund	*Historical Resources Act*
Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund	*Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act*
The Wild Rose Foundation	*Wild Rose Foundation Act*

All departments of the Government of Alberta operate within the General Revenue Fund (Fund). The Fund is administered by the Minister of Finance. All cash receipts of departments are deposited into the Fund and all cash disbursements made by the departments are paid from the Fund. Net Transfer from General Revenues is the difference between all cash receipts and all cash disbursements made.

(b) Basis of Consolidation

The accounts of the organizations listed in Note 2(a) above have been consolidated. Revenue and expense transactions, investing and financing transactions, and related asset and liability accounts between the consolidated organizations were eliminated upon consolidation.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(c) Basis of Financial Reporting

Revenues

All revenues are reported on the accrual method of accounting. Cash received for which goods or services have not been provided by year-end is recorded as unearned revenue.

Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value at the date of donation when fair value can reasonably be determined.

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive any goods or services directly in return.

Dedicated Revenue

Dedicated revenue initiatives provide a basis for authorizing spending. Dedicated revenues are shown as credits or recoveries in the details of the Government Estimates for a supply vote. If actual dedicated revenues are less than budget and total voted expenses are not reduced by an amount sufficient to cover the deficiency in dedicated revenues, the following year's voted expenses are encumbered. If actual dedicated revenues exceed budget, the Ministry may with the approval of the Treasury Board, use the excess revenue to fund additional expenses on the program. Schedule 2 discloses information on the Ministry's dedicated revenue initiatives.

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Ministry has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

Grants are recorded as expenses when authorized and when all eligibility criteria have been satisfied.

In addition to program operating expenses like salaries, supplies, etc., directly incurred expenses also include:

- Amortization of tangible capital assets;
- Pension costs which comprise the cost of employer contributions for current service of employees during the year; and

Note 2 **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)**

(c) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Expenses (continued)

Directly Incurred (continued)

- Valuation adjustments which include changes in the valuation allowances used to reflect financial assets at their net recoverable or other appropriate value. Valuation adjustments also represent the change in management's estimate of future payments arising from obligations relating to vacation pay.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Ministry's operations are disclosed in Schedule 6.

Assets

Financial assets of the Ministry are limited to financial claims, such as advances to and receivables from other organizations, employees and other individuals, as well as inventories held for resale.

Investments are recorded at cost. Where there has been a loss in the value of an investment that is other than a temporary decline, the investment is written down to recognize the loss.

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value.

Assets acquired by right are not included. Tangible capital assets of the Ministry are recorded at historical cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The threshold for capitalizing new systems development is $100,000 and the threshold for all other tangible capital assets is $5,000 (2004 – $15,000). All land is capitalized.

Donated tangible capital assets are recorded at their fair value at the time of contribution.

When physical assets (tangible capital assets and inventories) are gifted or sold for a nominal sum to parties external to the government reporting entity, the fair values of these physical assets less any nominal proceeds are recorded as grants in kind.

Collections of historic and scientific artifacts, archival holdings, and works of art held by the Ministry are not recorded as assets. Purchases of collection items are expensed in the period in which the items are acquired. Donations of artworks and collection items are reported as revenue and expenses at their fair value when fair value can be determined. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, these donations are recorded at nominal value.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(c) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Liabilities

Liabilities represent all financial claims payable by the Ministry at fiscal year end.

Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between the carrying value of assets held by the Ministry and its liabilities.

Restricted funds, endowment funds, and general reserves (Note 9) are considered appropriations from net assets and are reported as net assets.

An externally restricted fund accounts for non-government contributions, which can only be used for the purpose specified by the donor.

An internally restricted fund accounts for funds restricted by the Ministry Foundations for either matching non-government contributions, which can only be used for an identified purpose, or for retaining an ongoing funding capability.

An endowment fund accounts for contributions received under various agreements with sponsors and matching funds may be provided by Ministry Foundations. In addition, the endowment fund can include internally restricted funds to be used for identified purposes, or for retaining an ongoing funding capability.

Valuation of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of accounts receivable, long-term investments, accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values because of the short term nature of these instruments.

Note 3 Government Restructuring (thousands of dollars)

As a result of government restructuring announced on November 25, 2004, the responsibility for Community Support Systems and Persons with Developmental Disabilities boards was transferred to the Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports.

Comparatives for 2004 have been restated as if the Ministry had always been assigned its current responsibilities.

Net assets as previously reported at March 31, 2003	$ 194,995
Transfer to the Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports	(1,367)
Net assets as restated at April 1, 2003	$ 193,628

Note 4 Cash and Short-term Investments (thousands of dollars)

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta. CCITF is managed by Alberta Finance with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of depositors' capital. The portfolio is comprised of high quality short-term and mid-term fixed income securities with a maximum term to maturity of three years. Interest is earned on the Ministry's daily cash balance at the average rate of CCITF's earnings, which varies depending on prevailing market interest rates.

	2005	2004 Restated (Note 3)
Cash	$ 24,457	$ 26,571
Less Appropriated for Non-current Use (Note 6)	(8,167)	(8,167)
	$ 16,290	$ 18,404

Due to the short-term nature of these deposits, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Cash in the amount of $1,879 has been externally restricted and $339 has been internally restricted and is therefore not available to pay for operating expenses.

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Note 5 Accounts Receivable, Prepaid Expenses and Inventories (thousands of dollars)

	2005			2004 Restated (Note 3)
	Gross Amount	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Realizable Value	Net Realizable Value
Accounts Receivable	$ 1,246	$ (40)	$ 1,206	$ 1,193
Refunds from Suppliers	26	-	26	18
Advances	1	-	1	-
Others Including Prepaids and Inventories	394	-	394	360
	$ 1,667	$ (40)	$ 1,627	$ 1,571

Accounts receivable are unsecured and non-interest bearing.

Note 6 Long-term Investments (thousands of dollars)

		2005		2004 Restated (Note 3)	
	Effective Interest Rate	Cost	Market	Cost	Market
Deposit with Life Insurance Companies Maturing in 2008[a]	5.125%	$ 300	$ 300	$ 300	$ 300
Cash and Short-term Investments Appropriated for Non-current Use[b]		8,167	8,167	8,167	8,167
		$ 8,467	$ 8,467	$ 8,467	$ 8,467

[a] The deposits with life insurance companies can be realized prior to maturity dates only with the payment of penalties.

[b] Cash and short-term investments have been appropriated for non-current use by several entities in the Ministry to segregate the amounts that are needed to meet their long-term needs for endowments, reserves and other restricted uses.

Note 7 Tangible Capital Assets (thousands of dollars)

	Estimated Useful Life	2005 Cost	2005 Accumulated Amortization	2005 Net Book Value	2004 Net Book Value Restated (Note 3)
General Capital Assets					
Land	N/A	$ 40,096	$ -	$ 40,096	$ 39,934
Buildings	20-40 years	111,633	(63,669)	47,964	46,831
Computer Hardware and Software	3-8 years	1,819	(908)	911	807
Equipment	3-15 years	22,328	(15,298)	7,030	5,779
Other	7-20 years	16,385	(15,419)	966	2,424
		192,261	(95,294)	96,967	95,775
Infrastructure Assets					
Land Improvements	40 years	140,814	(73,834)	66,980	67,895
Highways and Roads	40 years	47,427	(31,427)	16,000	17,262
Bridges	60 years	2,894	(769)	2,125	2,175
		191,135	(106,030)	85,105	87,332
		$ 383,396	$ (201,324)	$ 182,072	$ 183,107

Note 8 Collections

Collections consist of historical and scientific artifacts, archival holdings, and works of art of provincial, national and international significance located in the archives, museums and historical sites of the Province of Alberta. The Ministry has not recorded the value of these collections in the consolidated financial statements due to the practical difficulties of reflecting them at a meaningful value. The collections are insured for $372 million. A description of the major collections is as follows:

(a) The Province, through the Historic Sites and Cultural Facilities Branch, preserves and presents 9 historic sites that contain 48 restored historic buildings/structures and 3 stabilized ruins. The Branch also operates 3 interpretive centers, 2 museums and 2 cultural facilities. As well, it administers an additional 3 historic sites which contain 58 undeveloped historic buildings/structures. In addition, the Branch owns 1 developed historic resource (leased to a society), 13 cairns, 4 archaeological sites and 1 palaeontological site. In total, the Department owns 1,904 hectares of land deemed to be of historic significance.

Note 8 Collections (continued)

(b) The Provincial Museum of Alberta maintains 13 Curatorial programs, with total collection holdings comprising approximately 10 million objects. This includes more than 1,270,000 objects on-site; over 16,000 warehoused objects off site and another estimated 8,720,000 archaeological artifacts collected as part of the Archaeological Survey of Alberta permit process. The collections represent a highly diverse complement of cultural and natural heritage. These include mammals, birds, fish, insects, plants, minerals, gems, First Nations ethnographical material, military and cultural history artifacts, coins, as well as industrial, domestic, and textile collections; and the permitted archaeological materials recovered in Alberta, all with associated images, audio and books.

(c) The Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology collection has over 109,000 catalogued items including original and replica fossils. Annually, approximately 2,000 specimens are accessioned into the collection.

(d) Reynolds-Alberta Museum exhibits approximately 150 major agricultural, industrial and transportation artifacts, and provides conservation, maintenance and restoration services for an additional collection of approximately 3,140 major and 3,440 smaller artifacts. Included in these numbers are 80 vintage aircraft, 8 of which are on permanent loan to the museum. The museum also houses a collection of documents, numbering over 50,000 pieces, related to the museum's mechanization themes.

(e) The Remington Carriage Museum houses one of the largest collections of horse drawn vehicles in North America, with 265 carriages, buggies, wagons and sleighs, and approximately 690 associated small artifacts.

(f) The Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village is responsible for the management of Historic Sites and Cultural Facilities' collection of approximately 49,700 artifacts. Approximately 5,000 of these objects are used to furnish various smaller sites throughout the province, and 8,000 objects furnish the historic buildings at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. The remaining artifacts are preserved in storage.

(g) The Provincial Archives of Alberta holds approximately 39,000 linear metres of government textual records; 4,680 linear metres of private textual records; 61,800 maps; 27,600 architectural drawings; 2,092,000 photographic images; 46,800 hours of sound recordings; 66,000 hours of film and video materials; and 12,500 volumes of library holdings.

(h) The Collection Management Unit of the Arts Branch manages 14 collections containing approximately 1,500 donated, purchased and/or commissioned artworks.

Note 8 Collections (continued)

(i) The Glenbow-Alberta Institute, under contract to the Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources Division, manages the care of, and access to, a publicly owned collection of approximately 226,000 artifacts in cultural history, military history, ethnology, art and mineralogy; approximately 5 shelf kilometres of textual and archival records; over 2,100,000 historical photographs; about 350 hours of film footage; and 7,200 sound recordings. The collection is continually enhanced each year.

(j) The Government House Foundation actively collects various significant items pertaining to the history of Government House. The collection is accessible to the public and consists of paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, furnishings, books and silverware. The majority of the collection is used or displayed in Government House, while some items are on loan to other provincial institutions.

At March 31, 2005, the collection consisted of approximately 379 (2004 – 379) pieces of artworks and other items, with an approximate value of $948,342 (2004 – $948,342). During the year, the Foundation made no artworks purchases (2004 – Nil). There were no contributions to the collections during the year (2004 – Nil) and there were no dispositions during the year (2004 – Nil).

(k) The Alberta Foundation for the Arts actively collects visual artworks, which document the Province's significant visual artistic achievement. The collection is accessible to the public and consists of paintings, sculptures, drawings, photographs, ceramics, glass, fibre and prints. At year end, the collection consisted of approximately 7,381 (2004 – 7,148) artworks with an approximate value of $8,329,000 (2004 – $7,844,000). During the year, the Foundation purchased 147 (2004 – 108) artworks by Alberta artists at a total cost of $295,150 (2004 – $289,555); contributions to the collection included 81 (2004 – 114) artworks with an appraised value of $189,940 (2004 – $117,188). There were no artwork dispositions during the year (2004 – 13 artwork disposals for $2,237).

(l) The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation has a collection of historical assets which is comprised of paintings, sketches, photographs and antique furnishings. At year end, the collection consisted of 380 (2004 – 401) artworks with an estimated value of $16,250 (2004 – $16,950), and 30 (2004 – 30) antique furnishings estimated at $12,700 (2004 – $12,700). During the year, the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation did not acquire any historical assets (2004 – Nil) and there were 21 (2004 –9) dispositions.

(m) The Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation has a collection of artworks consisting of 20 (2004 – 22) prints of the Waterfowl of North America Collection # 1250 with an approximate value of $5,652 (2004 – $6,290). During the year, there were 2 (2004 – 1) dispositions.

Note 9 Net Assets (thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004 Restated (Note 3)
Unrestricted Funds	$ 174,692	$ 174,244
Endowment Funds	6,914	6,914
Externally Restricted Funds	3,804	3,749
General Reserves	1,967	1,967
Internally Restricted Funds	141	138
	$ 187,518	$ 187,012

Note 10 Contractual Obligations (thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004 Restated (Note 3)
Grant Agreements	$ 29,632	$ 24,395
Long-term Leases	2,225	1,736
Service Contracts	4,882	6,479
	$ 36,739	$ 32,610

The aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Grant Agreements	Long-term Leases	Service Contracts	Total
2006	$ 28,547	$ 910	$ 4,257	$ 33,714
2007	875	708	625	2,208
2008	160	436	-	596
2009	50	163	-	213
2010	-	8	-	8
	$ 29,632	$ 2,225	$ 4,882	$ 36,739

Note 11 Contingent Liabilities (thousands of dollars)

At March 31, 2005, the Ministry is a defendant in ten legal claims (2004 restated – seven legal claims). Nine of these claims have specified amounts totalling $2,736 and the remaining one has no specified amount (2004 restated – six claims with a specified amount of $1,101 and one with no specified amount). Included in the total legal claims are two claims amounting to $150 (2004 restated – two claims amounting to $150) in which the Department has been jointly named with other entities. Seven claims amounting to $2,456 (2004 restated – four claims amounting to $821) are covered by the Alberta Risk Management Fund.

The resulting loss, if any, from these claims cannot be determined.

Certain contingent liabilities may exist for site remediation and reclamation, which may be the responsibility of the Ministry. The potential costs relate to restoring buildings and other sites to acceptable contractual standards. The preliminary estimate of the amount of such potential contingent liabilities is $1,863 (2004 – $2,456). Costs for site remediation and reclamation are recognized in the financial statements when work is undertaken.

The Ministry is obligated to construct a containment system at the Turner Valley Gas Plant historic site. The containment system will prevent hydrocarbons from contaminating adjacent lands and river streams. The estimated cost of the containment system is $3 million. During the past six years, the Ministry has worked closely with Alberta Environment and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation to reclaim and clean-up the site and closely monitor for any contamination entering the Sheep River. To date, there has been no evidence of any contamination entering the river from the site. On June 15, 2005, the Government of Alberta announced that Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation will construct a permanent $3 million containment system on behalf of the Ministry. Construction is expected to be completed by the fall of 2006.

Note 12 Trust Funds Under Administration (thousands of dollars)

The Ministry administers trust funds that are regulated funds consisting of public money over which the Legislature has no power of appropriation. Because the Province has no equity in the funds and administers them for the purposes of various trusts, they are not included in the Ministry's financial statements.

Note 12 Trust Funds Under Administration (thousands of dollars) (continued)

As at March 31, 2005, trust funds under administration were as follows:

	2005	2004 Restated (Note 3)
Parks General Trust and Performance Deposits	$ 401	$ 329
Gakken Dinosaur Exhibit Trust Fund	163	159
Fort Dunvegan Historical Society Trust Fund	7	6
	$ 571	$ 494

In addition to the above trust funds under administration, the Ministry holds bank guarantees in the form of letters of credit in the amount of $1,392 (2004 – $1,499).

Note 13 Defined Benefit Plans (thousands of dollars)

The Ministry participates in the multi-employer pension plans, Management Employees Pension Plan and Public Service Pension Plan. The Ministry also participates in the multi-employer Supplementary Retirement Plan for Public Service Managers. The expense for these pension plans is equivalent to the annual contributions of $3,462 for the year ended March 31, 2005 (2004 restated – $2,989).

At December 31, 2004, the Management Employees Pension Plan reported a deficiency of $268,101 (2003 – $290,014) and the Public Service Pension Plan reported a deficiency of $450,068 (2003 – $584,213). At December 31, 2004, the Supplementary Retirement Plan for Public Service Managers had a surplus of $9,404 (2003 – $9,312).

The Ministry also participates in two multi-employer Long Term Disability Income Continuance Plans. At March 31, 2005, the Bargaining Unit Plan reported an actuarial deficiency of $11,817 (2004 – $9,766) and the Management, Opted Out and Excluded Plan an actuarial surplus of $3,208 (2004 – $1,298). The expense for these two plans is limited to employer's annual contributions for the year.

Note 14 Economic Interest (thousands of dollars)

The Ministry entered into cooperating agreements and provided exclusive licences to two not-for-profit organizations to operate and provide front-of-house and related activities at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium and the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium. These organizations are incorporated under the *Societies Act* (Alberta) and function independently of the Ministry. The cooperating agreements and licences expired on March 31, 2005.

Note 14 Economic Interest (thousands of dollars) (continued)

Under the cooperating agreements, the societies were required to direct all revenues generated towards programs and services in support of the respective auditorium. Cash in excess of working capital requirements was placed by the societies into a capital reinvestment trust fund. During the year, the societies had transferred $9,985 to the Government of Alberta, to be utilized for capital upgrading and major renovations of the auditoriums. In prior years, these funds were held as restricted funds of the societies (2004 – $8,600). The Ministry is not responsible for any liabilities of either society. Effective April 1, 2005, the Ministry will start recording the revenues, expenses and surpluses of the operations of the auditoriums.

The Ministry had also entered into cooperating agreements with other not-for-profit societies to operate admission services at various Ministry sites. These agreements were terminated on March 31, 2000. Upon termination, funds held by these societies for facility reinvestment were donated to the Ministry to be used for the same purpose. These funds have been placed in the Historic Resources Fund and held as deferred contributions until such time as the funds are used for the purposes intended. As at March 31, 2005 this portion of the deferred contributions amounted to $197 (2004 – $216). In addition to the deferred contributions, two not-for-profit societies have retained facility reinvestment funds. As at March 31, 2005 the funds retained amounted to $90 (2004 – $124 restated).

Note 15 Comparative Figures

Certain 2004 figures have been reclassified to conform to the 2005 presentation.

Note 16 Approval of Consolidated Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements were approved by the Senior Financial Officer and the Deputy Minister.

Ministry of Community Development
Revenues
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005		2004
	Budget	Actual	Actual Restated (Note 3)
Internal Government Transfers			
Transfer from the Lottery Fund	$ 85,806	$ 85,806	$ 72,105
Transfer from Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund	55	60	39
	85,861	85,866	72,144
Transfers from the Government of Canada			
Other	2,079	1,486	1,460
Investment Income			
Interest	1,494	861	1,075
Premiums, Fees and Licences			
Admission Fees	4,341	3,595	3,783
Camping Fees	2,500	2,398	1,934
Film Classification	520	601	633
Lands and Grazing	479	521	515
Other	950	735	711
	8,790	7,850	7,576
Other Revenue			
Recoveries	2,499	2,418	2,218
Donations and Contributions in Kind	2,012	2,228	3,052
Refunds of Expenses	245	953	2,804
Sales	505	553	572
Rental Revenue	145	153	137
Other	848	1,763	1,393
	6,254	8,068	10,176
Total Revenues	$ 104,478	$ 104,131	$ 92,431

Ministry of Community Development
Dedicated Revenue Initiatives
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005		
	Authorized Dedicated Revenues	Actual Dedicated Revenues[1]	(Shortfall) / Excess[2]
Park Operations[3a]	$ 5,136	$ 5,191	$ 55
Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources[3b]	1,526	1,112	(414)
Heritage Resources Management[3c]	814	621	(193)
Francophone Secretariat[3d]	490	479	(11)
	$ 7,966	$ 7,403	$ (563)

[1] Revenues from dedicated revenue initiatives are included in the Ministry's revenues in the Statement of Operations and Schedule 1.

[3a] The Parks and Protected Areas division collects various fees and other revenues that are used to partially offset the cost of providing services. These include fees for the use of campgrounds, park facilities and lands, heritage appreciation services (e.g. interpretive bus tours), as well as contributions, sponsorships, donations, grants and payments by corporations, private sector operators, foundations, individuals and others.

[3b] Cultural facilities and historical resources dedicated revenue is related to donations of artifacts and other items to various historic sites and cultural facilities.

[3c] The Government of Canada provided funding to provinces and territories to further the goals of the Historic Places Initiative. The funds are intended to promote development of the Canadian Register of Historic Places, use of nation-wide standards and guidelines and, in particular, greater municipal involvement in the identification and protection of historic places.

[3d] The Government of Canada provided funding to the Francophone Secretariat for the Canada-Alberta Cooperation Agreement to promote the official languages.

[2] Shortfall is deducted from current year's authorized budget, as disclosed in Schedule 4 to the financial statements.

Schedule 3

Ministry of Community Development
Expenses – Directly Incurred Detailed By Object
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005		2004
	Budget	Actual	Actual Restated (Note 3)
Grants	$ 105,757	$ 94,344	$ 84,358
Supplies and Services	41,418	41,492	41,321
Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	56,924	56,041	50,943
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	9,488	9,494	9,323
Financial Transactions and Other	101	96	110
Total Expenses	$ 213,688	$ 201,467	$ 186,055
Valuation Adjustments			
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	$ -	$ (2)	$ 34
Provision for Vacation Pay	217	228	347
	$ 217	$ 226	$ 381

Ministry of Community Development
Budget
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2004-2005				
	Estimates	Adjustment[1]	Budget	Authorized Supplementary[2]	Authorized Budget
Revenues					
Internal Government Transfers	$ 85,861	$ –	$ 85,861	$ –	$ 85,861
Transfers from the Government of Canada	2,079	–	2,079	90	2,169
Investment Income	1,494	–	1,494	–	1,494
Premiums, Fees and Licences	8,790	–	8,790	(79)	8,711
Other Revenue	6,254	–	6,254	1,141	7,395
	104,478	–	104,478	1,152	105,630
Expenses					
Support Individuals and Organizations through Community Development	95,388	–	95,388	–	95,388
Protect Human Rights, and Promote Fairness and Access	5,276	–	5,276	–	5,276
Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's History and Culture	53,638	–	53,638	330	53,968
Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's Provincial Parks and Protected Areas	47,895	–	47,895	551	48,446
Ministry Support Services	11,491	–	11,491	128	11,619
Dedicated Revenue Shortfall	–	(563)	(563)	–	(563)
	213,688	(563)	213,125	1,009	214,134
Valuation Adjustments					
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	–	–	–	–	–
Provision for Vacation Pay	217	–	217	–	217
	217	–	217	–	217
Gain on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	6,279	–	6,279	–	6,279
Net Operating Results	$ (103,148)	$ 563	$ (102,585)	$ 143	$ (102,442)
Equipment/Inventory Purchases	$ 150	$ –	$ 150	$ 271	$ 421
Capital Investment	$ 6,562	$ –	$ 6,562	$ 2,801	$ 9,363

[1] Adjustments include dedicated revenue shortfalls (Schedule 2).

[2] Supplementary estimates were approved on March 24, 2005. Treasury Board approval is pursuant to section 24(2) of the *Financial Administration Act* (for net budgeted initiatives).

Ministry of Community Development
Related Party Transactions
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on a modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements. Related parties also include management in the Ministry.

The Ministry and its employees paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences, and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Ministry receives services under contracts managed by the Ministry of Government Services (ACSC). Any commitments under these contracts are reported by the Ministry of Government Services (ACSC).

The Ministry had the following transactions with related parties recorded on the consolidated Statement of Operations and the consolidated Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between the related parties:

	Other Entities	
	2005	2004 Restated (Note 3)
Revenues		
Lottery Fund	$ 85,806	$ 72,105
Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund	60	39
	$ 85,866	$ 72,144
Expenses – Directly Incurred		
Other Services	$ 5,053	$ 5,148
Tangible Capital Assets Transferred From (To) Others	$ (787)	$ 120
Accounts Payable	$ 43	$ 6

The above transactions do not include support service arrangement transactions disclosed in Schedule 3.

The Ministry also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the consolidated financial statements and are disclosed in Schedule 6.

	Other Entities	
	2005	2004 Restated (Note 3)
Expenses – Incurred by Others		
Accommodation	$ 19,655	$ 21,074
Parks Maintenance	2,672	1,587
Legal	348	286
	$ 22,675	$ 22,947

Ministry of Community Development
Allocated Costs
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

Program	2005 Expenses [a]	Expenses – Incurred by Others: Accommodation Costs [b]	Expenses – Incurred by Others: Park Maintenance [c]	Expenses – Incurred by Others: Legal Services [d]	Valuation Adjustments [e]: Doubtful Accounts	Valuation Adjustments [e]: Vacation Pay	2005 Total Expenses	2004 Restated (Note 3) Total Expenses
Support Individuals and Organizations through Community Development	$ 91,090	$ 1,865	$ -	$ 34	$ -	$ 37	$ 93,026	$ 94,643
Protect Human Rights, and Promote Fairness and Access	5,281	146	-	-	-	12	5,439	4,965
Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's History and Culture	53,971	15,830	-	110	(4)	69	69,976	55,645
Preserve, Protect and Present Alberta's Provincial Parks and Protected Areas	40,735	1,467	2,672	141	2	95	45,112	43,534
Ministry Support Services	10,390	347	-	63	-	15	10,815	10,596
	$ 201,467	$ 19,655	$ 2,672	$ 348	$ (2)	$ 228	$ 224,368	$ 209,383

[a] Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Consolidated Statement of Operations, excluding valuation adjustments.
[b] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 5, allocated by square footage.
[c] The Department of Infrastructure and Transportation provides road and bridge maintenance to Parks and Protected Areas.
[d] Costs for Legal Services on Schedule 5, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.
[e] Valuation Adjustments as per Statement of Operations. Employee Benefits and Doubtful Accounts provision included in Valuation Adjustments were allocated as follows:
- Vacation Pay – allocated to the program by employee.
- Doubtful Accounts Provision – estimated allocation to program.

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Auditor's Report

To the Minister of Community Development

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Department of Community Development (the Department) as at March 31, 2005 and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Department's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Department as at March 31, 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Fred J. Dunn FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2005, except as to
Note 8 which is as of June 15, 2005

Department of Community Development
Statement of Operations
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005		2004
	Budget (Schedule 4)	Actual	Actual Restated (Note 3)
Revenues (Schedules 1 and 2)			
Internal Government Transfers	$ 85,816	$ 85,816	$ 72,115
Transfers from the Government of Canada	1,229	1,123	1,190
Premiums, Fees and Licences	4,218	4,028	3,490
Other Revenue	1,937	3,349	2,497
	93,200	94,316	79,292
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Note 2(b) and Schedule 8)			
Voted (Schedules 3 and 5)			
Ministry Support Services	11,491	10,390	10,233
Community Services	91,762	88,664	89,456
Human Rights and Citizenship	5,056	5,077	4,685
Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources	46,107	47,542	31,359
Parks and Protected Areas	47,895	40,735	40,325
	202,311	192,408	176,058
Statutory (Schedules 3 and 5)			
Queen's Golden Jubilee Scholarships	10	10	10
Valuation Adjustments			
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	-	2	16
Provision for Vacation Pay	217	228	346
	227	240	372
	202,538	192,648	176,430
Gain on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	6,279	18	2
Net Operating Results	$ (103,059)	$ (98,314)	$ (97,136)

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Department of Community Development
Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004 Restated (Note 3)
Assets		
Cash	$ 72	$ 1,177
Accounts Receivable (Note 4)	1,119	1,295
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 5)	175,812	176,825
	$ 177,003	$ 179,297
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 16,479	$ 18,520
Unearned Revenue	207	196
	16,686	18,716
Net Assets		
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	160,581	170,330
Net Operating Results	(98,314)	(97,136)
Net Transfer from General Revenues	98,050	87,387
Net Assets at End of Year	160,317	160,581
	$ 177,003	$ 179,297

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Department of Community Development
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004 Restated (Note 3)
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ (98,314)	$ (97,136)
Non-cash Items included in Net Operating Results:		
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	8,986	8,976
Valuation Adjustments	230	362
Gain on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	(18)	(2)
	(89,116)	(87,800)
Decrease (Increase) in Accounts Receivable before Valuation Adjustments	174	(571)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities before Valuation Adjustments	(2,269)	3,314
Increase in Unearned Revenue	11	9
Cash Applied to Operating Transactions	(91,200)	(85,048)
Capital Transactions		
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets (Schedule 5)	(8,796)	(1,696)
Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	54	625
Transfers of Tangible Capital Assets	787	(120)
Cash Applied to Capital Transactions	(7,955)	(1,191)
Financing Transactions		
Net Transfer from General Revenues	98,050	87,387
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(1,105)	1,148
Cash, Beginning of Year	1,177	29
Cash, End of Year	$ 72	$ 1,177

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Department of Community Development
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended March 31, 2005

Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Department of Community Development (Department) operates under the authority of the *Government Organization Act*, Chapter G-10, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

The purpose of the Department is to enhance and preserve the quality of life for Albertans. This is done by:

- Supporting a high quality of life in Alberta by working in collaboration with individuals, organizations and communities to increase local capacity for self-reliance in the arts and culture, sport and recreation, library and voluntary sectors;
- Increasing understanding and awareness of diversity, fostering equality and reducing discrimination so all Albertans have the opportunity to participate in the social, economic and cultural life of the province;
- Preserving, protecting, presenting, researching and promoting appreciation for Alberta's historical resources and culture and providing opportunities for heritage tourism; and
- Maintaining Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas to preserve the province's natural heritage and providing opportunities for heritage appreciation, outdoor recreation and heritage tourism.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all departments.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Department of Community Development, which is part of the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry) and for which the Minister of Community Development (Minister) is accountable. Other entities reporting to the Minister are:

- Alberta Foundation for the Arts
- The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
- Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
- The Government House Foundation
- Historic Resources Fund
- Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund
- The Wild Rose Foundation

The activities of these organizations are not included in these financial statements. The Ministry Annual Report provides a more comprehensive accounting of the financial position and results of the Ministry's operations for which the Minister is accountable.

All departments of the Government of Alberta operate within the General Revenue Fund (Fund). The Fund is administered by the Minister of Finance. All cash receipts of departments are deposited into the Fund and all cash disbursements made by departments are paid from the Fund. Net transfer from General Revenues is the difference between all cash receipts and all cash disbursements made.

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Revenues

All revenues are reported on the accrual method of accounting. Cash received for goods or services which have not been provided by year end is recorded as unearned revenue.

Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value at the date of donation when fair value can reasonably be determined.

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive any goods or services directly in return.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Dedicated Revenue

Dedicated revenue initiatives provide a basis for authorizing spending. Dedicated revenues are shown as credits or recoveries in the details of the Government Estimates for a supply vote. If actual dedicated revenues are less than budget and total voted expenses are not reduced by an amount sufficient to cover the deficiency in dedicated revenues, the following year's voted expenses are encumbered. If actual dedicated revenues exceed budget, the Department may, with the approval of the Treasury Board, use the excess revenue to fund additional expenses on the program. Schedule 2 discloses information on the Department's dedicated revenue initiatives.

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Department has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

Grants are recorded as expenses when authorized and when all eligibility criteria have been satisfied.

In addition to program operating expenses like salaries, supplies, etc., directly incurred expenses also include:

- Amortization of tangible capital assets;
- Pension costs which comprise the cost of employer contributions for current service of employees during the year; and
- Valuation adjustments which include changes in the valuation allowances used to reflect financial assets at their net recoverable or other appropriate value. Valuation adjustments also represent the change in management's estimate of future payments arising from obligations relating to vacation pay.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Department operations are disclosed in Schedule 8.

Assets

Financial assets of the Department are limited to financial claims, such as advances to and receivables from other organizations, employees and other individuals.

Note 2 **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)**

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Assets (continued)

Assets acquired by right are not included. Tangible capital assets of the Department are recorded at historical cost and are amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The threshold for capitalizing new systems development is $100,000 and the threshold for all other tangible capital assets is $5,000 (2004 – $15,000). All land is capitalized.

Donated tangible capital assets are recorded at their fair value at the time of contribution.

When physical assets (tangible capital assets and inventories) are gifted or sold for a nominal sum to parties external to the government reporting entity, the fair values of these physical assets less any nominal proceeds are recorded as grants in kind.

Collections of historic and scientific artifacts, archival holdings, and works of art held by the Department are not recorded as assets. Purchases of collection items are expensed in the period in which the items are acquired. Donations of artworks and collection items are reported as revenue and expenses at their fair value when fair value can be determined. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, these donations are recorded at nominal value.

Liabilities

Liabilities represent all financial claims payable by the Department at fiscal year end.

Net Assets

Net assets represents the difference between the carrying value of assets held by the Department and its liabilities.

Valuation of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

Department of Community Development
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Note 3 Government Restructuring (thousands of dollars)

As a result of government restructuring announced on November 25, 2004, the responsibility for Community Support Systems was transferred to the Department of Seniors and Community Supports.

Comparatives for 2004 have been restated as if the Department had always been assigned its current responsibilities.

Net assets as previously reported at March 31, 2003	$ 165,605
Transfer to the Department of Seniors and Community Supports	4,725
Net assets as restated at April 1, 2003	$ 170,330

Note 4 Accounts Receivable (thousands of dollars)

	2005			2004
	Gross Amount	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Realizable Value	Net Realizable Value
Accounts Receivable	$ 1,131	$ (32)	$ 1,099	$ 1,278
Refunds from Suppliers	20	-	20	17
	$ 1,151	$ (32)	$ 1,119	$ 1,295

Accounts receivable are unsecured and non-interest bearing.

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Note 5 Tangible Capital Assets (thousands of dollars)

	Estimated Useful Life	2005 Cost	2005 Accumulated Amortization	2005 Net Book Value	2004 Net Book Value
General Capital Assets					
Buildings	20-40 years	$ 111,378	$ (63,621)	$ 47,757	$ 46,618
Land		37,982	-	37,982	37,820
Computer Hardware and Software	5-8 years	1,635	(817)	818	732
Equipment	3-10 years	17,838	(14,395)	3,443	1,899
Other	20 years	16,004	(15,297)	707	2,424
Infrastructure Assets					
Land Improvements	40 years	140,814	(73,834)	66,980	67,895
Highways and Roads	40 years	47,427	(31,427)	16,000	17,262
Bridges	60 years	2,894	(769)	2,125	2,175
		$ 375,972	$ (200,160)	$ 175,812	$ 176,825

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Note 6 Collections

Collections consist of historical and scientific artifacts, archival holdings, and works of art of provincial, national and international significance located in the archives, museums and historical sites of the Province of Alberta. The Department has not recorded the value of these collections in the financial statements due to the practical difficulties of reflecting them at a meaningful value. The collections are insured for $360 million. A description of the major collections is as follows:

(a) The Province, through the Historic Sites and Cultural Facilities Branch, preserves and presents 9 historic sites that contain 48 restored historic buildings/structures and 3 stabilized ruins. The Branch also operates 3 interpretive centers, 2 museums and 2 cultural facilities. As well, it administers an additional 3 historic sites, which contain 58 undeveloped historic buildings/structures. In addition, the Branch owns 1 developed historic resource (leased to a society), 13 cairns, 4 archaeological sites and 1 palaeontological site. In total, the Department owns 1,904 hectares of land deemed to be of historic significance.

(b) The Provincial Museum of Alberta maintains 13 curatorial programs, with total collection holdings comprising approximately 10 million objects. This includes more than 1,270,000 objects on-site; over 16,000 warehoused objects off site and another estimated 8,720,000 archaeological artifacts collected as part of the Archaeological Survey of Alberta permit process. The collections represent a highly diverse complement of cultural and natural heritage. These include mammals, birds, fish, insects, plants, minerals, gems, First Nations ethnographical material, military and cultural history artifacts, coins, as well as industrial, domestic, and textile collections; and the permitted archaeological materials recovered in Alberta, all with associated images, audio and books.

(c) The Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology collection has over 109,000 catalogued items including original and replica fossils. Annually, approximately 2,000 specimens are accessioned into the collection.

(d) Reynolds-Alberta Museum exhibits approximately 150 major agricultural, industrial and transportation artifacts, and provides conservation, maintenance and restoration services for an additional collection of approximately 3,140 major and 3,440 smaller artifacts. Included in these numbers are 80 vintage aircraft, 8 of which are on permanent loan to the museum. The museum also houses a collection of documents, numbering over 50,000 pieces, related to the museum's mechanization themes.

(e) The Remington Carriage Museum houses one of the largest collections of horse drawn vehicles in North America, with 265 carriages, buggies, wagons and sleighs, and approximately 690 associated small artifacts.

(f) The Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village is responsible for the management of Historic Sites and Cultural Facilities' collection of approximately 49,700 artifacts. Approximately 5,000 of these objects are used to furnish various smaller sites throughout the province, and 8,000 objects furnish the historic buildings at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. The remaining artifacts are preserved in storage.

Note 6 Collections (continued)

(g) The Provincial Archives of Alberta holds approximately 39,000 linear metres of government textual records; 4,680 linear metres of private textual records; 61,800 maps; 27,600 architectural drawings; 2,092,000 photographic images; 46,800 hours of sound recordings; 66,000 hours of film and video materials; and 12,500 volumes of library holdings.

(h) The Collection Management Unit of the Arts Branch manages 14 collections containing approximately 1,500 donated, purchased and/or commissioned artworks.

(i) The Glenbow-Alberta Institute, under contract to the Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources Division, manages the care of, and access to, a publicly owned collection of approximately 226,000 artifacts in cultural history, military history, ethnology, art and mineralogy; approximately 5 shelf kilometres of textual and archival records; over 2,100,000 historical photographs; about 350 hours of film footage; and 7,200 sound recordings. The collection is continually enhanced each year.

Note 7 Contractual Obligations (thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Grant Agreements	$ 2,734	$ 4,000
Long-term Leases	1,905	1,285
Service Contracts	73	244
	$ 4,712	$ 5,529

The aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Grant Agreements	Long-term Leases	Service Contracts	Total
2006	$ 2,234	$ 814	$ 73	$ 3,121
2007	500	624	-	1,124
2008	-	369	-	369
2009	-	98	-	98
	$ 2,734	$ 1,905	$ 73	$ 4,712

Note 8 Contingent Liabilities (thousands of dollars)

At March 31, 2005, the Department is a defendant in ten legal claims (2004 restated– seven legal claims). Nine of these claims have specified amounts totalling $2,736 and the remaining one has no specified amount (2004 restated – six claims with a specified amount of $1,101 and one with no specified amount). Included in the total legal claims are two claims amounting to $150 (2004 restated – two claims amounting to $150) in which the Department has been jointly named with other entities. Seven claims amounting to $2,456 (2004 restated– four claims amounting to $821) are covered by the Alberta Risk Management Fund.

The resulting loss, if any, from these claims cannot be determined.

Certain contingent liabilities may exist for site remediation and reclamation, which may be the responsibility of the Department. The potential costs relate to restoring buildings and other sites to acceptable contractual standards. The preliminary estimate of the amount of such potential contingent liabilities is $1,863 (2004 $2,456). Costs for site remediation and reclamation are recognized in the financial statements when work is undertaken.

The Department is obligated to construct a containment system at the Turner Valley Gas Plant historic site. The containment system will prevent hydrocarbons from contaminating adjacent lands and river streams. The estimated cost of the containment system is $3 million. During the past six years, the Department has worked closely with Alberta Environment and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation to reclaim and clean-up the site and closely monitor for any contamination entering the Sheep River. To date, there has been no evidence of any contamination entering the river from the site. On June 15, 2005, the Government of Alberta announced that Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation will construct a permanent $3 million containment system on behalf of the Department. Construction is expected to be completed by the fall of 2006.

Note 9 Trust Funds Under Administration (thousands of dollars)

The Department administers trust funds that are regulated funds consisting of public money over which the Legislature has no power of appropriation. Because the Province has no equity in the funds and administers them for the purposes of various trusts, they are not included in the Department's financial statements.

Note 9 Trust Funds Under Administration (thousands of dollars) (continued)

As at March 31, 2005, trust funds under administration were as follows:

	2005	2004
Parks General Trust and Performance Deposits	$ 401	$ 329
Gakken Dinosaur Exhibit Trust Fund	163	159
Fort Dunvegan Historical Society Trust Fund	7	6
	$ 571	$ 494

In addition to the above trust funds under administration, the Department holds bank guarantees in the form of letters of credit in the amount of $1,392 (2004 – $1,499).

Note 10 Defined Benefit Plans (thousands of dollars)

The Department participates in the multi-employer pension plans, Management Employees Pension Plan and Public Service Pension Plan. The Department also participates in the multi-employer Supplementary Retirement Plan for Public Service Managers. The expense for these pension plans is equivalent to the annual contributions of $3,462 for the year ended March 31, 2005 (2004 restated – $2,989).

At December 31, 2004, the Management Employees Pension Plan reported a deficiency of $268,101 (2003 – $290,014) and the Public Service Pension Plan reported a deficiency of $450,068 (2003 – $584,213). At December 31, 2004, the Supplementary Retirement Plan for Public Service Managers had a surplus of $9,404 (2003– $9,312).

The Department also participates in two multi-employer Long Term Disability Income Continuance Plans. At March 31, 2005, the Bargaining Unit Plan reported an actuarial deficiency of $11,817 (2004 – $9,766) and the Management, Opted Out and Excluded Plan an actuarial surplus of $3,208 (2004 – $1,298). The expense for these two plans is limited to employer's annual contributions for the year.

Note 11 Comparative Figures

Certain 2004 figures have been reclassified to conform to the 2005 presentation.

Note 12 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Senior Financial Officer and the Deputy Minister.

Department of Community Development
Revenues
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005		2004
	Budget	Actual	Actual Restated (Note 3)
Internal Government Transfers			
Transfer from the Lottery Fund	$ 85,806	$ 85,806	$ 72,105
Transfer from Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund	10	10	10
	85,816	85,816	72,115
Transfer from the Government of Canada			
Other	1,229	1,123	1,190
	1,229	1,123	1,190
Premiums, Fees and Licences			
Camping	2,500	2,398	1,934
Land and Grazing	479	521	515
Film Classification	520	601	506
Other	719	508	535
	4,218	4,028	3,490
Other Revenue			
Contribution in Kind	1,000	1,111	1,362
Refunds of Expenses	50	486	140
Other	887	1,752	995
	1,937	3,349	2,497
	$ 93,200	$ 94,316	$ 79,292

Department of Community Development
Dedicated Revenue Initiatives
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005		
	Authorized Dedicated Revenues	Actual Dedicated Revenues[a]	(Shortfall) / Excess[f]
Park Operations[b]	$ 5,136	$ 5,191	$ 55
Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources[c]	1,526	1,112	(414)
Heritage Resources Management[d]	814	621	(193)
Francophone Secretariat[e]	490	479	(11)
	$ 7,966	$ 7,403	$ (563)

[a] Revenues from dedicated revenue initiatives are included in the Department's revenues in the Statement of Operations and Schedule 1.

[b] The Parks and Protected Areas division collects various fees and other revenues that are used to partially offset the cost of providing services. These include fees for the use of campgrounds, park facilities and lands, heritage appreciation services (e.g. interpretive bus tours), as well as contributions, sponsorships, donations, grants and payments by corporations, private sector operators, foundations, individuals and others.

[c] Cultural facilities and historical resources dedicated revenue is related to donations of artifacts and other items to various historic sites and cultural facilities.

[d] The Government of Canada provided funding to provinces and territories to further the goals of the Historic Places Initiative. The funds are intended to promote development of the Canadian Register of Historic Places, use of nation-wide standards and guidelines and, in particular, greater municipal involvement in the identification and protection of historic places.

[e] The Government of Canada provided funding to the Francophone Secretariat for the Canada-Alberta Cooperation Agreement to promote the official languages.

[f] Shortfall is deducted from current year's authorized budget, as disclosed in Schedules 4 and 5 to the financial statements.

Department of Community Development
Expenses – Directly Incurred Detailed By Object
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005		2004
	Budget	Actual	Actual Restated (Note 3)
Voted			
Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	$ 56,924	$ 56,032	$ 50,934
Supplies and Services	26,918	28,057	27,563
Grants	113,374	103,658	92,438
Financial Transactions and Other	101	96	110
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	9,420	8,986	8,976
Total Voted Expenses before Recoveries	206,737	196,829	180,021
Less: Recovery from Support Service Arrangements with Related Parties[a]	(4,426)	(4,421)	(3,963)
	$ 202,311	$ 192,408	$ 176,058
Statutory			
Grants	$ 10	$ 10	$ 10
Valuation Adjustments			
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	-	2	16
Provision for Vacation Pay	217	228	346
	$ 227	$ 240	$ 372

[a] The Department provided financial and administrative services to the funds and agencies of the Ministry of Community Development. Costs incurred by the Department for these services were recovered from the funds and agencies of the Ministry of Community Development.

Department of Community Development
Budget
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2004-2005				
	Estimates	Adjustment[a]	Budget	Authorized Supplementary[b]	Authorized Budget
Revenues					
Internal Government Transfers	$ 85,816	$ -	$ 85,816	$ -	$ 85,816
Transfers from the Government of Canada	1,229	-	1,229	90	1,319
Premiums, Fees and Licences	4,218	-	4,218	(79)	4,139
Other Revenue	1,937	-	1,937	1,141	3,078
	93,200	-	93,200	1,152	94,352
Expenses – Directly Incurred					
Voted Expenses					
Ministry Support Services	11,491	-	11,491	128	11,619
Community Services	91,762	-	91,762	-	91,762
Human Rights and Citizenship	5,056	-	5,056	-	5,056
Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources	46,107	-	46,107	330	46,437
Parks and Protected Areas	47,895	-	47,895	551	48,446
Dedicated Revenue Shortfall	-	(563)	(563)	-	(563)
	202,311	(563)	201,748	1,009	202,757
Statutory Expenses					
Queen's Golden Jubilee Scholarships	10	-	10	-	10
Valuation adjustments					
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	-	-	-	-	-
Provision for Vacation Pay	217	-	217	-	217
	227	-	227	-	227
Gain on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	6,279	-	6,279	-	6,279
Net Operating Results	$ (103,059)	$ 563	$ (102,496)	$ 143	$ (102,353)
Equipment/Inventory Purchases	$ 150	$ -	$ 150	$ 271	$ 421
Capital Investment	$ 6,562	$ -	$ 6,562	$ 2,801	$ 9,363

[a] Adjustments include dedicated revenue shortfalls (Schedule 2).
[b] Supplementary estimates were approved on March 24, 2005. Treasury Board approval is pursuant to section 24(2) of the *Financial Administration Act* (for net budgeted initiatives).

Department of Community Development
Comparison of Expenses – Directly Incurred, Equipment/Inventory Purchases and Capital Investment and Statutory Expenses by Element to Authorized Budget
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2004-2005 Estimates	Adjustments[a]	2004-2005 Budget	2004-2005 Authorized Supplementary[b]	2004-2005 Authorized Budget	2004-2005 Actual[c]	Unexpended (Over Expended)
Voted Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases and Capital Investment							
1 Ministry Support Services							
1.0.1 Minister's Office	$ 421	$ -	$ 421	$ -	$ 421	$ 384	$ 37
1.0.2 Deputy Minister's Office	327	-	327	-	327	317	10
1.0.3 Strategic Corporate Services							
- Operating Expense	4,618	-	4,618	-	4,618	4,249	369
- Equipment/Inventory Purchases	50	-	50	-	50	48	2
1.0.4 Corporate Costs	5,706	-	5,706	128	5,834	5,023	811
1.0.5 Communications	419	-	419	-	419	417	2
	11,541	-	11,541	128	11,669	10,438	1,231
2 Community Services							
2.1 Management and Operations							
2.1.1 Program Support	976	-	976	-	976	840	136
2.1.2 Arts Development							
- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	1,503	-	1,503	-	1,503	1,502	1
2.1.3 Volunteer Services							
- Operating Expense	-	-	-	-	-	122	(122)
- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	3,580	-	3,580	-	3,580	3,580	-
2.1.4 Sport and Recreation							
- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	1,212	-	1,212	-	1,212	1,185	27
2.1.5 Library Services	546	-	546	-	546	463	83
2.1.6 Francophone Secretariat	808	-	808	-	808	774	34
	8,625	-	8,625	-	8,625	8,466	159
2.2 Financial Assistance							
2.2.1 Community Services Grants	100	-	100	-	100	1,134	(1,034)
2.2.2 Library Operating Grants	18,734	-	18,734	-	18,734	18,769	(35)

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Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2004-2005 Estimates	Adjustments[a]	2004-2005 Budget	2004-2005 Authorized Supplementary[b]	2004-2005 Authorized Budget	2004-2005 Actual[c]	Unexpended (Over Expended)
2.2.3 Hosting Major Athletic Events							
- Operating Expense	-	-	-	-	-	400	(400)
- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	1,800	-	1,800		1,800	1,800	-
2.2.4 Alberta NHL Teams Initiative	7,033	-	7,033	-	7,033	-	7,033
2.2.5 Assistance to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts							
- Operating Expense	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	(2,500)
- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	30,034	-	30,034	-	30,034	30,034	-
2.2.6 Assistance to the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks, and Wildlife Foundation							
- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	17,670	-	17,670	-	17,670	17,670	-
2.2.7 Assistance to the Wild Rose Foundation							
- Operating Expense	-	-	-	-	-	125	(125)
- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	7,766	-	7,766	-	7,766	7,766	-
	83,137	-	83,137	-	83,137	80,198	2,939
	91,762	-	91,762	-	91,762	88,664	3,098
3 Human Rights and Citizenship							
3.0.1 Human Rights and Citizenship	3,791	-	3,791	-	3,791	3,812	(21)
3.0.2 Financial Assistance to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund							
- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	1,265	-	1,265	-	1,265	1,265	-
	5,056	-	5,056	-	5,056	5,077	(21)

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		2004-2005 Estimates	Adjustments[a]	2004-2005 Budget	2004-2005 Authorized Supplementary[b]	2004-2005 Authorized Budget	2004-2005 Actual[c]	Unexpended (Over Expended)
4	Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources							
4.1	Management and Operations							
4.1.1	Program Support	1,081	-	1,081	-	1,081	866	215
4.1.2	Provincial Museum	4,472	-	4,472	-	4,472	4,481	(9)
4.1.3	Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology							
	- Operating Expense	1,987	-	1,987	-	1,987	2,124	(137)
	- Equipment/Inventory Purchases	-	-	-	-	-	46	(46)
4.1.4	Historic Sites and Cultural Facilities							
	- Operating Expense	9,029	-	9,029	255	9,284	9,081	203
	- Equipment/Inventory Purchases	-	-	-	271	271	280	(9)
4.1.5	Provincial Archives of Alberta	1,896	-	1,896	-	1,896	1,734	162
4.1.6	Heritage Resource Management							
	- Operating Expense	3,768	-	3,768	75	3,843	3,475	368
	- Equipment/Inventory Purchases	-	-	-	-	-	146	(146)
4.1.7	Centennial Operations							
	- Operating Expense	2,898	-	2,898	-	2,898	3,948	(1,050)
	- Equipment/Inventory Purchases	-	-	-	-	-	8	(8)
		25,131	-	25,131	601	25,732	26,189	(457)
4.2	Financial Assistance							
4.2.1	Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources Grants							
	- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	1,030	-	1,030	-	1,030	1,030	-
4.2.2	Assistance to the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation							
	- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	6,946	-	6,946	-	6,946	6,946	-
4.2.3	Centennial Legacy Grants							
	- Operating Expense	-	-	-	-	-	857	(857)
	- Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	13,000	-	13,000	-	13,000	13,000	-
		20,976	-	20,976	-	20,976	21,833	(857)
		46,107	-	46,107	601	46,708	48,022	(1,314)

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Comparison of Expenses – Directly Incurred, Equipment/Inventory Purchases and Capital Investment and Statutory Expenses by Element to Authorized Budget
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2004-2005 Estimates	Adjustments[a]	2004-2005 Budget	2004-2005 Authorized Supplementary[b]	2004-2005 Authorized Budget	2004-2005 Actual[c]	Unexpended (Over Expended)
5 Parks and Protected Areas							
5.0.1 Program Support	254	-	254	-	254	254	-
5.0.2 Parks Policy and Planning	3,669	-	3,669	-	3,669	3,681	(12)
5.0.3 Parks Operations							
- Operating Expense	26,801	-	26,801	551	27,352	28,064	(712)
- Equipment/Inventory Purchases	100	-	100	-	100	798	(698)
- Capital Investment	6,562	-	6,562	2,801	9,363	7,470	1,893
5.0.4 Nominal Sum Disposals	7,986	-	7,986	-	7,986	-	7,986
5.0.5 Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	9,185	-	9,185	-	9,185	8,736	449
	54,557	-	54,557	3,352	57,909	49,003	8,906
Dedicated Revenue Shortfall (Schedule 2)	-	(563)	(563)	-	(563)	-	(563)
Total Voted Expenses	$ 209,023	$ (563)	$ 208,460	$ 4,081	$ 212,541	$ 201,204	$ 11,337
Operating Expense	$ 116,505	$ (563)	$ 115,942	$ 1,009	$ 116,951	$ 106,629	$ 10,322
Operating Expense funded by Lotteries	85,806	-	85,806	-	85,806	85,779	27
Equipment/Inventory Purchases	150	-	150	271	421	1,326	(905)
	$ 202,461	$ (563)	$ 201,898	$ 1,280	$ 203,178	$ 193,734	$ 9,444
Capital Investment	6,562	-	6,562	2,801	9,363	7,470	1,893
Total Voted Expenses	$ 209,023	$ (563)	$ 208,460	$ 4,081	$ 212,541	$ 201,204	$ 11,337
Statutory Expenses							
Queen's Golden Jubilee Scholarships	$ 10	$ -	$ 10	$ -	$ 10	$ 10	$ -
Valuation Adjustments	217	-	217	-	217	230	(13)
	$ 227	$ -	$ 227	$ -	$ 227	$ 240	$ (13)

(a) Adjustments include dedicated revenue shortfalls (Schedule 2).
(b) Supplementary estimates were approved on March 24, 2005. Treasury Board approval is pursuant to section 24(2) of the *Financial Administration Act* (for net budgeted initiatives).
(c) Includes achievement bonus amounting to $753.

Department of Community Development
Salary and Benefits Disclosure
Year ended March 31, 2005

	2005				2004
	Base Salary[a]	Other Cash Benefits[b]	Other Non-cash Benefits[c]	Total	Total
Senior Officials					
Deputy Minister[d] [f]	$ 157,392	$ 30,849	$ 30,335	$ 218,576	$ 218,799
Chief Commissioner, Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission	116,751	17,003	16,703	150,457	154,485
Executives					
Assistant Deputy Minister, Community and Citizenship Services[e]	126,828	30,438	25,244	182,510	168,776
Assistant Deputy Minister, Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources	121,644	17,882	24,095	163,621	156,737
Assistant Deputy Minister, Parks and Protected Areas	122,280	17,974	24,129	164,383	168,237
Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Corporate Services	132,204	19,434	24,423	176,061	175,732
Executive Director, Alberta 2005 Centennial Initiative[g] [e]	36,011	11,589	8,736	56,336	-

Prepared in accordance with Treasury Board Directive 03/2004.
Total salary and benefits relating to a position are disclosed.

[a] Base salary includes regular base pay.
[b] Other cash benefits include bonuses, vacation payments, overtime and lump sum payments.
[c] Other non-cash benefits include the government's share of all employee benefits and contributions or payments made on behalf of employees including pension, health care, dental coverage, group life insurance, short and long term disability plans, professional memberships and tuition fees.
[d] Automobile provided, no dollar amount included in other non-cash benefits.
[e] Other cash benefits include vacation payments for the Assistant Deputy Minister, Community and Citizenship Services $11,794 (2004 Nil), and for the Executive Director, Alberta 2005 Centennial Initiatives $7,833 (2004 Nil).
[f] The position was occupied by two individuals through the year.
[g] The position became part of the Executive Committee on December 1, 2004.

Department of Community Development
Related Party Transactions
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on a modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements. Related parties also include management in the Department.

The Department and its employees paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences, and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Department had the following transactions with related parties recorded on the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between the related parties:

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2005	2004 Restated (Note 3)	2005	2004
Revenues				
Grants	$ -	$ -	$ 85,816	$ 72,115
Expenses – Directly Incurred				
Grants	$ 66,306	$ 62,681	$ -	$ -
Other services	-	-	4,729	4,833
	$ 66,306	$ 62,681	$ 4,729	$ 4,833
Tangible Capital Assets Transferred from (to) Others	$ -	$ -	$ (787)	$ 120
Accounts Payable	$ 3	$ -	$ 35	$ -
Accounts Receivable	$ 283	$ 339	$ -	$ -

The above transactions do not include support service arrangement transactions disclosed in Schedule 3.

The Department also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the financial statements and are disclosed in Schedule 8.

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Recoveries				
Services Provided	$ 1,426	$ 1,578	$ -	$ -
Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Accommodation	$ -	$ -	$ 18,617	$ 20,242
Legal Services	-	-	343	271
Parks Maintenance	-	-	2,672	1,587
	$ -	$ -	$ 21,632	$ 22,100

Department of Community Development
Allocated Costs
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(thousands of dollars)

Program	2005 Expenses [a]	Expenses – Incurred by Others: Services Provided [b]	Expenses – Incurred by Others: Accommodation Costs [c]	Expenses – Incurred by Others: Legal Services [d]	Expenses – Incurred by Others: Parks Maintenance [e]	Valuation Adjustments [f]: Provision for Vacation Pay	Valuation Adjustments [f]: Provision for Doubtful Accounts	2005 Total Expenses	2004 Total Expenses Restated (Note 3)
Ministry Support Services	$ 10,390	$ –	$ 347	$ 63	$ –	$ 15	$ –	$ 10,815	$ 10,601
Community Services	88,664	716	905	30	–	37	–	90,352	89,584
Human Rights and Citizenship	5,077	154	128	–	–	12	–	5,371	4,663
Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources	47,542	556	15,770	109	–	69	–	64,046	48,348
Parks and Protected Areas	40,735	–	1,467	141	2,672	95	2	45,112	43,534
Queen's Golden Jubilee Scholarships	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	10
	$ 192,418	$ 1,426	$ 18,617	$ 343	$ 2,672	$ 228	$ 2	$ 215,706	$ 196,740

[a] Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Statement of Operations, excluding valuation adjustments.
[b] Financial and administrative services are provided to the funds and agencies of the Ministry of Community Development.
[c] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 7, allocated by square footage.
[d] Costs shown for Legal Services on Schedule 7, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.
[e] The Department of Infrastructure and Transportation provides road and bridge maintenance to Parks and Protected Areas.
[f] Valuation Adjustments as per Statement of Operations. Employee Benefits and Doubtful Accounts provision included in Valuation Adjustments were allocated as follows:
- Vacation Pay – allocated to the program by employee.
- Doubtful Accounts Provision – estimated allocation to program.

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To the Members of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts (the Foundation) as at March 31, 2005 and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at March 31, 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Fred J. Dunn FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2005

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Statement of Operations
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005		2004
	Budget (Schedule 2)	Actual	Actual
Revenues			
Internal Government Transfers			
Transfers from the Department of Community Development			
- Operating	$ 19,034	$ 19,034	$ 19,034
- Film Development Program	11,000	13,500	10,000
Investment Income	345	187	208
Other Revenue			
Miscellaneous	60	47	55
Donations of Artworks	145	191	119
	30,584	32,959	29,416
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Note 2(b) and Schedules 1 and 4)			
Arts Promotion	12,734	12,633	12,518
Arts Support	2,867	2,872	2,828
Artist Development	1,860	1,952	2,134
Arts Participation	1,540	1,492	1,387
Administration	344	280	307
Collection, Preservation and Display of Provincial Artworks	250	241	226
	19,595	19,470	19,400
Film Development	11,000	13,423	10,959
	30,595	32,893	30,359
Net Operating Results	$ (11)	66	(943)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		1,106	2,049
Fund Balance, End of Year		$ 1,172	$ 1,106

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Assets		
Cash (Note 3)	$ 1,825	$ 2,937
Accrued Interest	15	15
Accounts Receivable (Note 4)	3	3
	1,843	2,955
Long Term Investments (Note 5)	467	467
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 6)	44	55
	$ 2,354	$ 3,477
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 715	$ 1,904
Equity		
Fund Balance	1,172	1,106
General Reserve (Note 8)	467	467
	1,639	1,573
	$ 2,354	$ 3,477

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ 66	$ (943)
Non-cash Items		
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	11	9
	77	(934)
Decrease (Increase) in Accounts Receivable	-	248
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	(1,189)	779
Cash Provided by (Applied to) Operating Transactions	(1,112)	93
Capital Transactions		
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets	-	(25)
Cash Applied to Capital Transactions	-	(25)
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(1,112)	68
Cash, Beginning of Year	2,937	2,869
Cash, End of Year	$ 1,825	$ 2,937

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

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Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Alberta Foundation for the Arts (Foundation) operates under the authority of the *Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act*, Chapter A-19, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

The purposes of the Foundation are:

- To support and contribute to the development of literary, performing, visual and media arts in Alberta;
- To provide both individuals and organizations with opportunities to participate in the arts in Alberta;
- To promote the enjoyment of works of art by Alberta artists;
- To oversee the collection, preservation and display of works of art by Alberta artists; and
- To encourage artists living in Alberta in their work.

The Foundation is a crown agent of the Government of Alberta and as such has a tax exempt status.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all entities.

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, which is part of the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry) and for which the Minister of Community Development (Minister) is accountable. The Ministry Annual Report provides a more comprehensive accounting of the financial position and results of the Ministry's operations for which the Minister is accountable.

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Revenues

All revenues are reported on the accrual method of accounting.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Revenues (continued)

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive goods or services directly in return.

Unrestricted donations are recognized as revenue when they are received.

Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value at the date of donation, when fair value can reasonably be determined.

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Foundation has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

Directly incurred expenses include amortization of tangible capital assets.

Grants are recorded as expenses when authorized and when all eligibility criteria have been satisfied.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Foundation are disclosed in Schedule 4.

Artworks

Artworks are not recorded as assets. Purchases of artworks are expensed in the period in which the items are acquired. Donations of artworks and collection items are reported as revenue and expenses at their fair value when fair value can be determined. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, these donations are recorded at nominal value.

Proceeds from the disposition of artworks can only be used to acquire other items to be added to the collection or for the direct care of existing artworks.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Assets

Financial assets of the Foundation are limited to financial claims, such as receivables from other organizations.

Tangible capital assets of the Foundation are recorded at historical cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The threshold for capitalizing new systems development is $100,000 and the threshold for all other capital assets is $5,000.

Investments

Investments are recorded at cost. Where there has been a loss in value of an investment that is other than a temporary decline, the investment is written down to recognize the loss.

Liabilities

Liabilities represent all financial claims payable by the Foundation at fiscal year-end.

Fair Value

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of accrued interest, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values.

Note 3 Cash (thousands of dollars)

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta. CCITF is managed by Alberta Finance with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of depositors' capital. The portfolio is comprised of high quality short-term and mid-term fixed income securities with a maximum term to maturity of three years. Interest is earned on the daily cash balance at the average rate of CCITF's earnings, which varies depending on prevailing market interest rates.

	2005	2004
Cash	$ 1,992	$ 3,104
Less Cash Appropriated for Non-Current Use	(167)	(167)
	$ 1,825	$ 2,937

Due to the short-term nature of these deposits, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Note 4 Accounts Receivable (thousands of dollars)

	2005			2004
	Gross Amount	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Realizable Value	Net Realizable Value
Accounts Receivable	$ 3	$ -	$ 3	$ 3

Accounts receivable are unsecured and non-interest bearing.

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Note 5 Long Term Investments (thousands of dollars)

	2005			2004	
	Effective Annual Interest Rate	Cost	Market	Cost	Market
Deposits with Life Insurance Companies, Maturing in 2008[a]	5.125%	$ 300	$ 300	$ 300	$ 300
Cash Appropriated for Non-current Use		167		167	
		$ 467		$ 467	

[a] The deposits with life insurance companies can be realized prior to maturity dates only with the payment of penalties.

Note 6 Tangible Capital Assets (thousands of dollars)

	2005				2004
	Estimated Useful Life	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Computer Equipment and Software	4 years	$ 33	$ (33)	$ -	$ 5
Equipment	10 years	61	(17)	44	50
Office Furnishings	7 years	6	(6)	-	-
		$ 100	$ (56)	$ 44	$ 55

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Note 7 Artworks

The Alberta Foundation for the Arts actively collects visual artworks, which document the Province's significant visual artistic achievement. The collection is accessible to the public and consists of paintings, sculptures, drawings, photographs, ceramics, glass, fibre and prints. At year end, the collection consisted of approximately 7,381 (2004 – 7,148) artworks with an approximate value of $8,329,000 (2004 – $7,844,000). During the year, the Foundation purchased 147 (2004 – 108) artworks by Alberta artists at a total cost of $295,150 (2004 – $289,555); contributions to the collection included 81 (2004 – 114) artworks with an appraised value of $189,940 (2004 – $117,188). There were no artwork dispositions during the year (2004 – $2,237).

Note 8 General Reserve

The general reserve has been established by appropriation from the fund balance. The reserve was established for the purpose of retaining an ongoing funding capability. Transfers from the reserve to the operating fund require board approval.

Interest earned on the cash appropriated for the reserve is reported as operating revenue.

Note 9 Contractual Obligations (thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Grant Agreements	$ 25,643	$ 17,084
Service Contracts	569	846
	$ 26,212	$ 17,930

The aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Grant Agreements	Service Contracts	Total
2006	$ 25,613	$ 287	$ 25,900
2007	-	282	282
	$ 25,613	$ 569	$ 26,182

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Note 10 Honoraria (thousands of dollars)

	2005			2004
	Honoraria[a]	Benefits and Allowances[b]	Total	Total
Board[c]				
Chair	$ 4	$ -	$ 4	$ 6
Other Members	28	-	28	39
	$ 32	$ -	$ 32	$ 45

[a] The Foundation has no employees. Staff of the Department of Community Development administers the Foundation. Disclosure of information on their salaries and benefits, a requirement under Treasury Directive 03/2004, is included in the financial statements of the Department of Community Development.

[b] No benefits were provided to Board members.

[c] Members appointed to the Foundation are paid honoraria for attending Foundation meetings at rates set by Ministerial Order. They are also paid for sub-committee meetings, to attend out-of-town meetings and for attending to other Foundation duties.

Note 11 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors.

Schedule 1

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Expenses – Directly Incurred Detailed by Object
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005		2004
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Grants	$ 28,652	$ 30,671	$ 28,307
Supplies and Services	655	956	969
Supplies and Services from Support Service Arrangements with Related Parties[a]	737	737	622
Acquisition of Artworks	325	295	290
Donations of Artworks	145	191	117
Honoraria (Note 10)	70	32	45
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	11	11	9
	$ 30,595	$ 32,893	$ 30,359

[a] The Foundation receives financial and administrative services from the Department of Community Development.

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Budget
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2004-2005 Estimates	Treasury Board Approval[a]	2004-2005 Authorized Budget
Revenues			
Internal Government Transfers			
Transfers from the Department of Community Development	$ 30,034	$ 2,500	$ 32,534
Investment Income	345	-	345
Other Revenue			
Miscellaneous	60	-	60
Donations of Artworks	145	-	145
	30,584	2,500	33,084
Expenses – Directly Incurred			
Arts Promotion	12,734	-	12,734
Arts Support	2,867	-	2,867
Artist Development	1,860	-	1,860
Arts Participation	1,540	-	1,540
Administration	344	-	344
Collection, Preservation and Display of Provincial Artworks	250	-	250
	19,595	-	19,595
Film Development	11,000	2,500	13,500
	30,595	2,500	33,095
Net Operating Results	$ (11)	$ -	$ (11)
Capital Investment	$ -	$ -	$ -

[a] On August 4, 2004 Treasury Board approved a transfer of $2.5 million from the Department of Community Development for the Alberta Film Development Program.

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Related Party Transactions
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on a modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements.

The Foundation paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Foundation had the following transactions with related parties recorded in the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between the related parties:

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Revenues				
Transfers from the Department of Community Development				
-Operating	$ 19,034	$ 19,034	$ -	$ -
-Film Development	13,500	10,000	-	-
	$ 32,534	$ 29,034	$ -	$ -
Expenses – Directly Incurred				
Grants	$ 125	$ 106	$ -	$ -
Other Services	-	-	48	52
	$ 125	$ 106	$ 48	$ 52
Accounts Receivable	$ 2	$ -	$ -	$ -
Accounts Payable	$ 27	$ 128	$ 8	$ 6

The above transactions do not include support service arrangement transactions disclosed in Schedule 1.

The Foundation also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the financial statements and are disclosed in Schedule 4.

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Accommodation	$ -	$ -	$ 192	$ 172
Legal Services	-	-	2	7
Other Services	475	526	-	-
	$ 475	$ 526	$ 194	$ 179

Schedule 4

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Allocated Costs
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

Program	2005					2004
		Expenses – Incurred by Others				
	Expenses [a]	Accommodation Costs [b]	Legal Services [c]	Other Services [d]	Total Expenses	Total Expenses
Arts Promotion	$ 12,633	$ 7	$ -	$ 122	$ 12,762	$ 12,692
Arts Support	2,872	4	-	78	2,954	2,914
Artist Development	1,952	7	-	154	2,113	2,265
Arts Participation	1,492	3	-	53	1,548	1,500
Administration	280	3	-	35	318	323
Collection, Preservation and Display of Provincial Artworks	241	167	-	20	428	389
Film Development	13,423	1	2	13	13,439	10,981
	$ 32,893	$ 192	$ 2	$ 475	$ 33,562	$ 31,064

[a] Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Statement of Operations.
[b] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 3, allocated by square footage.
[c] Costs shown for Legal Services on Schedule 3, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.
[d] Costs shown for Other Services on Schedule 3, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.

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To the Directors of the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation

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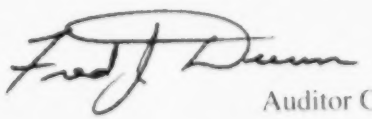

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Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2005

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
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	2005				2004
		Actual			Actual
	Budget	Operating Fund	Restricted Fund	Total	Total (Restated Note 3)
Revenues					
Internal Government Transfers					
Transfer from Department of Community Development	$ 6,946	$ 6,946	$ -	$ 6,946	$ 6,946
Investment Income	180	121	1	122	146
Other Revenue	6	16	-	16	9
	7,132	7,083	1	7,084	7,101
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Schedules 1 and 3)					
Support to Provincial Heritage Organizations					
Alberta Museums Association	1,400	1,400	-	1,400	1,400
Archives Society of Alberta	160	160	-	160	160
Other	136	136	-	136	136
	1,696	1,696	-	1,696	1,696
Glenbow Museum	2,738	2,738	-	2,738	2,688
Heritage Preservation Projects	1,363	1,002	-	1,002	917
Main Street Program	730	395	-	395	1,162
Heritage Awareness Projects	429	451	-	451	323
Roger Soderstrom Fellowship Projects	5	-	1	1	4
Administration	171	177	-	177	202
	7,132	6,459	1	6,460	6,992
Net Operating Results	$ -	624	-	624	109
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year		3,459	21	3,480	3,371
Fund Balances at End of Year		$ 4,083	$ 21	$ 4,104	$ 3,480

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004 (Restated Note 3)
Assets		
Cash (Note 4)	$ 3,884	$ 3,692
Inventory	5	5
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 5)	258	293
	4,147	3,990
Cash Appropriated for Non-current Uses (Notes 4 and 8)	50	50
	$ 4,197	$ 4,040
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 43	$ 510
Fund Balances		
Unrestricted Operating Fund	4,083	3,459
Restricted Funds (Note 7)	21	21
	4,104	3,480
Reserve (Note 8)	50	50
	4,154	3,530
	$ 4,197	$ 4,040

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004 (Restated Note 3)
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ 624	$ 109
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	37	27
	661	136
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	(467)	393
Cash Provided by Operating Transactions	194	529
Capital Transactions		
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets	(2)	(75)
Cash applied to Capital Transactions	(2)	(75)
Increase in Cash	192	454
Cash, Beginning of Year	3,692	3,238
Cash, End of Year	$ 3,884	$ 3,692

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation (Foundation) operates under the authority of the *Historical Resources Act*, Chapter H-9, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

The purpose of the Foundation is to assist in the preservation and interpretation of Alberta's heritage primarily through the encouragement and sponsorship of community heritage initiatives.

The Foundation is a crown agent of the Government of Alberta and as such has a tax exempt status.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all entities.

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, which is part of the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry) and for which the Minister of Community Development (Minister) is accountable. The Ministry Annual Report provides a more comprehensive accounting of the financial position and results of the Ministry's operations for which the Minister is accountable.

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Fund Accounting

Transactions are grouped, for reporting purposes, into funds in accordance with specified activities or objectives. These funds are described as follows:

- The operating fund accounts for the revenues and expenses associated with the primary activities of the Foundation.
- Restricted funds account for contributions received with imposed conditions on how the funds are to be used, interest earned and the expenses associated with the specified activities.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Revenue

All revenues are reported on the accrual method of accounting. Cash received for which goods or services have not been provided by year end is recorded as unearned revenue.

Donations are recognized as revenues when they are received. Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value when fair value can reasonably be determined.

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive any goods or services directly in return.

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Foundation has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

Directly incurred expenses include amortization of capital assets.

Grants are recorded as expenses when authorized and when all eligibility criteria have been satisfied.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Foundation operations are disclosed in Schedule 3.

Assets

Financial assets of the Foundation are limited to financial claims, such as receivables from other organizations as well as inventories held for resale.

Tangible capital assets of the Foundation are recorded at historical cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The threshold for capitalizing new systems development is $100,000 and the threshold for all other capital assets is $5,000.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Assets (continued)

Collections of historical assets held by the Foundation are not recorded as assets. Purchases of collection items are expensed in the period in which the items are acquired. Donations of artworks and collection items are reported as revenue and expenses at their fair value when fair value can be determined. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, these donations are recorded at nominal value.

Liabilities

Liabilities represent all financial claims payable by the Foundation at fiscal year end.

Fair Value

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values.

Note 3 Correction of Error (thousands of dollars)

Previous financial statements had recognized the purchase of heritage markers as an expense in the year they were purchased, as opposed to capitalizing and subsequently amortizing their cost over their useful lives. The financial statements of prior periods have been restated. As a result of this correction, in 2004 net operating results has increased by $48, fund balances at beginning of year has increased by $245, fund balances at end of year and tangible capital assets has increased by $293.

Note 4 Cash (thousands of dollars)

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta. CCITF is managed by Alberta Finance with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of depositors' capital. The portfolio is comprised of high quality short-term and mid-term fixed income securities with a maximum term to maturity of three years. Interest is earned on the Foundation's daily cash balance at the average rate of CCITF's earnings, which varies depending on prevailing market interest rates.

Cash in the amount of $21 has been restricted for the Roger Soderstrom Fellowship fund and is therefore not available to pay for operating expenses of the Foundation. (Note 7)

Due to the short-term nature of these deposits, the carrying value approximates fair value.

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Note 5 Tangible Capital Assets (thousands of dollars)

		2005			2004
	Estimated Useful Life	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value (Restated Note 3)
Equipment	7 years	$ 3	$ (3)	$ -	$ -
Other	10 years	381	(123)	258	293
		$ 384	$ (126)	$ 258	$ 293

Note 6 Collections

The Foundation has a collection of historical assets, which is comprised of paintings, sketches, photographs and antique furnishings. At year end, the collection consisted of 380 (2004 – 401) artworks with an estimated value of $16,250 (2004 – $16,950), and 30 (2004 – 30) antique furnishings estimated at $12,700 (2004 – $12,700). During the year, the Foundation did not acquire any historical assets (2004 – Nil) and there were 21 (2004 – 9) dispositions.

Note 7 Restricted Funds (thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Roger Soderstrom Fellowship Fund[a]	$ 21	$ 21

[a] The Roger Soderstrom Fellowship fund is a scholarship designed to encourage professional development and advanced studies in the field of heritage conservation in Alberta.

Note 8 Reserve

The reserve has been established from the operating fund for the purpose of retaining an ongoing funding capability. Transfers from the reserve to the operating fund require board approval.

Interest earned on the cash appropriated for the reserve is reported as operating revenue.

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Note 9 Honoraria (thousands of dollars)

	2005			2004
	Honoraria[a]	Benefits and Allowances[b]	Total	Total
Board[c]				
Chair	$ 3	$ -	$ 3	$ 4
Other Members (7)	17	-	17	19
	$ 20	$ -	$ 20	$ 23

[a] The Foundation has no employees. Staff of the Department of Community Development administers the Foundation. Disclosure of information on their salaries and benefits, a requirement under Treasury Directive 03/2004, is included in the financial statements of the Department of Community Development.

[b] No benefits were provided to Board members.

[c] Members appointed to the Foundation are paid for attending Foundation meetings at rates set by Ministerial Order. They are also paid for sub-committee meetings, out-of-town meetings and for attending to other Foundation duties.

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Note 10 Contractual Obligations (thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Grant Agreements	$ 2,933	$ 2,135
Service Contracts [a]	1	2,748
Long-term Leases	2	12
	$ 2,936	$ 4,895

The aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Grant Agreements	Service Contracts	Long-term Leases	Total
2006	$ 2,863	$ 1	$ 2	$ 2,866
2007	70	-	-	70
	$ 2,933	$ 1	$ 2	$ 2,936

[a] The 2005 service contracts do not include the costs for maintenance of collections with Glenbow Museum because the agreement with Glenbow was not in place at March 31, 2005. Subsequent to year end, a contract for $2,879 for the period April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006 was signed.

Note 11 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors.

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
Expenses Directly Incurred Detailed by Object
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(thousands of dollars)

	2005		2004
	Budget	Actual	Actual (Restated Note 3)
Grants	$ 3,771	$ 3,149	$ 3,711
Supplies and Services	2,970	2,887	2,864
Supplies and Services from Support Services Arrangements with Related Parties[a]	367	367	367
Honoraria (Note 9)	24	20	23
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	-	37	27
	$ 7,132	$ 6,460	$ 6,992

[a] The Foundation receives financial and program related administrative services from the Department of Community Development.

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
Related Party Transactions
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on a modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements.

The Foundation paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Foundation had the following transactions with related parties recorded on the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between the related parties:

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Revenue				
Transfer from Department of Community Development	$ 6,946	$ 6,946	$ -	$ -
Expenses – Directly Incurred				
Grants	$ 25	$ 25	$ -	$ -
Other services	-	-	8	15
	$ 25	$ 25	$ 8	$ 15
Accounts Payable	$ 3	$ 9	$ -	$ -

The above transactions do not include support service arrangement transactions disclosed in Schedule 1.

The Foundation also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the financial statements and are disclosed in Schedule 3.

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Accommodation	$ -	$ -	$ 18	$ 22
Other Services	240	344	-	-
	$ 240	$ 344	$ 18	$ 22

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
Allocated Costs
Year ended March 31, 2005
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Program	2005 Expenses [a]	Expenses – Incurred by Others: Accommodation Costs [b]	Expenses – Incurred by Others: Other Services [c]	2005 Total Expenses	2004 Total Expenses (Restated Note 3)
Support to Provincial Heritage Organizations	$ 1,696	$ -	$ -	$ 1,696	$ 1,696
Glenbow Museum	2,738	-	-	2,738	2,688
Heritage Preservation Projects	1,002	-	-	1,002	917
Main Street Program	395	8	2	405	1,183
Heritage Awareness Projects	451	-	-	451	323
Roger Soderstrom Fellowship Projects	1	-	-	1	4
Administration	177	10	238	425	547
	$ 6,460	$ 18	$ 240	$ 6,718	$ 7,358

[a] Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Statement of Operations, excluding valuation adjustments.
[b] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 2, allocated by square footage.
[c] Costs shown for Other Services on Schedule 2, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.

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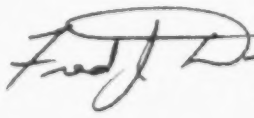
To the Members of the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation (the Foundation) as at March 31, 2005 and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at March 31, 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.



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Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2005

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
Statement of Operations
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(thousands of dollars)

	2005					2004
	Budget	Operating Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total Actual	Total Actual
Revenues						
Internal Government Transfers	$ 17,795	$ 17,795	$ -	$ -	$ 17,795	$ 17,776
Transfers from Government of Canada	500	325	-	-	325	200
Investment Income	315	83	52	-	135	187
Premiums, Fees and Licences	75	92	-	-	92	175
Other Revenue						
Donations	817	382	326	-	708	740
Percy Page Centre Sales (Note 9)	505	388	-	-	388	446
Refunds of Expenses	20	10	-	-	10	25
Parks and Wildlife Ventures Sales	-	-	1	-	1	2
Miscellaneous Revenue	80	48	-	-	48	53
	20,107	19,123	379	-	19,502	19,604
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Note 2(b) and Schedules 1 and 3)						
Provincial Programs	12,262	11,894	90	-	11,984	11,533
Alberta and Interprovincial Games	2,794	2,665	125	-	2,790	3,042
Municipal Recreation / Tourism Areas	1,528	1,494	-	-	1,494	1,489
Active Lifestyles	1,450	1,501	-	-	1,501	1,450
Provincial and Regional Development	700	634	-	-	634	700
Percy Page Centre (Note 9)	468	402	-	-	402	454
Parks and Wildlife Ventures	440	212	70	-	282	299
Other Initiatives	120	55	30	-	85	93
Administration	351	320	6	-	326	291
	20,113	19,177	321	-	19,498	19,351
Net Operating Results	$ (6)	(54)	58	-	4	253
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year		329	3,866	414	4,609	4,356
Fund Balances at End of Year		$ 275	$ 3,924	$ 414	$ 4,613	$ 4,609

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
Statement of Financial Position
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(thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Assets		
Cash (Note 3)	$ 2,777	$ 2,711
Accounts Receivable (Note 4)	285	233
Prepaid Expenses and Inventory	53	55
	3,115	2,999
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 5)	2,322	2,328
	$ 5,437	$ 5,327
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 805	$ 718
Unearned Revenue	19	-
	824	718
Fund Balances		
Operating	275	329
Endowment (Note 7)	414	414
Restricted (Note 8)	3,924	3,866
	4,613	4,609
	$ 5,437	$ 5,327

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
Statement of Cash Flows
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(thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ 4	$ 253
Non-cash Items included in Net Operating Results		
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	6	6
	10	259
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(52)	(120)
Decrease (Increase) in Prepaid Expenses and Inventory	2	(9)
Increase in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	87	74
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	19	(7)
Cash Provided by Operating Transactions	66	197
Capital Transactions		
Purchase of Tangible Capital Assets	-	(140)
Donation of Tangible Capital Assets	-	(38)
Cash Applied to Capital Transactions	-	(178)
Increase in Cash	66	19
Cash, Beginning of Year	2,711	2,692
Cash, End of Year	$ 2,777	$ 2,711

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation (Foundation) operates under the authority of the *Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act*, Chapter A-34, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

The purpose of the Foundation is to support enhancement of sport, recreation, parks and wildlife programs for all Albertans.

The Foundation is a Crown agent of the Government of Alberta and as such has a tax exempt status.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all entities.

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, which is part of the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry) and for which the Minister of Community Development (Minister) is accountable. The Ministry Annual Report provides a more comprehensive accounting of the financial position and results of the Ministry's operations for which the Minister is accountable.

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Fund Accounting

Transactions are grouped, for accounting and reporting purposes, into funds in accordance with specified activities or objectives. These funds are described as follows:

- The operating fund accounts for revenues and expenses associated with the primary activities of the Foundation;
- The restricted fund accounts for non-government contributions received for which donors have specified the purpose, restricted interest earned, related expenses incurred, and funds restricted by the Board of Directors; and

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Fund Accounting (continued)

- The endowment fund accounts for contributions received under various agreements with sponsors and matching funds provided by the Foundation. Interest earned on the existing endowment funds can only be used to fund various sport programs, and are therefore recorded as part of the restricted fund. The principal must remain intact.

Revenues

All revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting.

Cash donations are reported when received. Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value at the date of donation when fair value can reasonably be determined.

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive any goods or services directly in return.

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Foundation has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

Directly incurred expenses include amortization of tangible capital assets.

Grants are recorded as expenses when authorized and when all eligibility criteria have been satisfied.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Foundation's operations are disclosed in Schedule 3.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Assets

Financial assets of the Foundation are limited to financial claims, such as advances to and receivables from other organizations and individuals as well as inventories held for resale.

Tangible capital assets of the Foundation are recorded at historical cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the useful lives of the assets. The threshold for capitalizing new systems development is $100,000 and the threshold for all other assets is $5,000. All land is capitalized.

Donated tangible capital assets are recorded at their fair value at the time of contribution.

Artworks are not recorded as assets. Purchases of artworks are expensed in the period in which the items are acquired. Donations of artworks and collection items are reported as revenue and expenses at their fair value when fair value can be determined. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, these donations are recorded at nominal value.

Liabilities

Liabilities represent all financial claims payable by the Foundation at fiscal year end.

Valuation of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of cash, accounts receivable, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values because of the short term nature of these instruments.

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Note 3 Cash (thousands of dollars)

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta. CCITF is managed by Alberta Finance with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of depositor's capital. The portfolio is comprised of high quality short-term and mid-term fixed income securities with a maximum term to maturity of three years. Interest is earned on the Foundation's daily cash balance at the average rate of the CCITF's earnings, which varies depending on prevailing market interest rates.

Due to the short-term nature of these deposits, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Cash in the amount of $1,879 has been externally restricted and $318 has been internally restricted and is therefore not available to pay for operating expenses of the Foundation. (Note 7 and 8)

Note 4 Accounts Receivable (thousands of dollars)

	2005			2004
	Gross Amount	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Realizable Value	Net Realizable Value
Accounts Receivable	$ 157	$ -	$ 157	$ 121
Other	3	-	3	6
Refunds of Expenses	125	-	125	106
	$ 285	$ -	$ 285	$ 233

Accounts receivable are unsecured and non-interest bearing.

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Note 5 Tangible Capital Assets (thousands of dollars)

	Estimated Useful Life	2005 Cost	2005 Accumulated Amortization	2005 Net Book Value	2004 Net Book Value
Land, Unrestricted	N/A	$ 181	$ -	$ 181	$ 181
Land, Use Restricted by Donors[a]	N/A	1,933	-	1,933	1,933
Buildings, Use Restricted by Donors[a]	40 years	255	47	208	214
		$ 2,369	$ 47	$ 2,322	$ 2,328

[a] Restricted for use in the Parks and Wildlife Ventures program.

Note 6 Artworks

The Foundation has a collection of artworks consisting of 20 (2004 – 22) prints of the Waterfowl of North America Collection #1250 with an approximate value of $5,652 (2004 – $6,290). During the year, there were 2 (2004 – 1) dispositions.

Note 7 Endowment Fund (thousands of dollars)

The endowment fund balance comprises:

	2005	2004
Externally Restricted Contributions	$ 216	$ 216
Internally Restricted Matching Funds	198	198
	$ 414	$ 414

Note 8 Restricted Fund (thousands of dollars)

The restricted fund balance comprises:

	2005	2004
Investment in Land and Buildings[a]	$ 2,141	$ 2,147
Externally Restricted Funds	1,663	1,602
Internally Restricted Funds	120	117
	$ 3,924	$ 3,866

[a] The land and buildings are governed by restrictions that require the Foundation to use these assets for its programs.

Note 9 Percy Page Centre

The Foundation operates the Percy Page Centre, Edmonton, to provide accommodation and office services to non-profit organizations. These organizations are charged for their use of office equipment, supplies and print shop facilities.

Note 10 Honoraria (thousands of dollars)

	2005			2004
	Honoraria[a]	Benefits and Allowances[b]	Total	Total
Board[c]				
Chair	$ 1	$ -	$ 1	$ 1
Other Members (9)	18	-	18	12
	$ 19	$ -	$ 19	$ 13

[a] The Foundation has no employees. Staff of the Department of Community Development administer the Foundation. Disclosure of information on their salaries and benefits, a requirement under Treasury Board Directive 03/2004, is included in the financial statements of the Department of Community Development.

[b] No benefits were provided to board members.

[c] Members appointed to the Foundation are paid honoraria for attending Foundation meetings at rates set by Ministerial Order. They are also paid for sub-committee meetings, to attend out-of-town meetings and for attending to other Foundation duties.

Note 11 Contractual Obligations (thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Grant Agreements	$ 814	$ 738
Long-term Leases	318	430
Service Contracts	294	52
	$ 1,426	$ 1,220

The aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Grant Agreements	Long-term Leases	Service Contracts	Total
2006	$ 354	$ 94	$ 294	$ 742
2007	250	84	-	334
2008	160	67	-	227
2009	50	65	-	115
2010	-	8	-	8
	$ 814	$ 318	$ 294	$ 1,426

Note 12 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors.

Schedule 1

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
Expenses – Directly Incurred Detailed By Object
For the year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005		2004
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Grants	$ 16,559	$ 15,782	$ 15,332
Supplies and Services	1,817	1,929	2,361
Supplies and Services from Support Service Arrangements with Related Parties[a]	1,720	1,762	1,639
Honoraria (Note 10)	11	19	13
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	6	6	6
	$ 20,113	$ 19,498	$ 19,351

[a] The Foundation receives administrative services for various recreational, park, and wildlife facilities as well as other general financial and administrative services from the Department of Community Development.

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
Related Party Transactions
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Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on the modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements.

The Foundation paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences, and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Foundation had the following transactions with related parties recorded on the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between the related parties:

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Revenues				
Internal Government Transfers				
Department of Community Development	$ 17,670	$ 17,670	$ -	$ -
Alberta Foundation for the Arts	125	106	-	-
	$ 17,795	$ 17,776	$ -	$ -
Expenses – Directly Incurred				
Other services	$ -	$ -	$ 97	$ 81
Accounts Receivable	$ -	$ 106	$ -	$ -
Accounts Payable	$ 35	$ 40	$ -	$ -

The above transactions do not include support service arrangement transactions disclosed in Schedule 1.

The Foundation also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the financial statements and are disclosed in Schedule 3.

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Accommodation	$ -	$ -	$ 717	$ 753
Legal Services	-	-	2	11
Other Services	200	267	-	-
	$ 200	$ 267	$ 719	$ 764

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
Allocated Costs
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(thousands of dollars)

	2005					2004
		Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Program	Expenses [a]	Accommodation Costs [b]	Legal Services [c]	Other Services [d]	Total Expenses	Total Expenses
Provincial Programs	$ 11,984	$ 6	$ -	$ 64	$ 12,054	$ 11,624
Alberta and Interprovincial Games	2,790	67	-	72	2,929	3,196
Municipal Recreation / Tourism Areas	1,494	1	-	10	1,505	1,504
Active Lifestyles	1,501	1	-	8	1,510	1,461
Provincial and Regional Development	634	-	-	2	636	703
Percy Page Centre (Note 9)	402	638	-	8	1,048	1,148
Parks and Wildlife Ventures	282	1	2	12	297	327
Other Initiatives	85	-	-	2	87	96
Administration	326	3	-	22	351	323
	$ 19,498	$ 717	$ 2	$ 200	$ 20,417	$ 20,382

[a] Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Statement of Operations.
[b] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 2, allocated by square footage.
[c] Costs shown for Legal Services on Schedule 2, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.
[d] Costs shown for Other Services on Schedule 2, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.

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Auditor's Report

To the Directors of The Government House Foundation

I have audited the statement of financial position of The Government House Foundation (the Foundation) as at March 31, 2005 and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at March 31, 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Fred J. Dunn FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2005

The Government House Foundation
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	2005		2004
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Revenues			
Internal Government Transfers			
Transfers from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 25,000
Investment Income	4,000	3,009	3,441
	29,000	28,009	28,441
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Note 2(b) and Schedules 1 and 3)			
Administration	11,000	12,774	10,000
Public Relations	1,000	10,334	9,751
Conservation of Collections	3,000	4,301	2,791
Collection Acquisitions	35,000	-	-
	50,000	27,409	22,542
Net Operating Results	$ (21,000)	600	5,899
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		105,530	99,631
Fund Balance, End of Year		$ 106,130	$ 105,530

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

The Government House Foundation
Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2005

	2005	2004
Assets		
Cash (Note 3)	$ 117,866	$ 108,612
Accounts Receivable	108	85
	$ 117,974	$ 108,697
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 11,844	$ 3,167
Equity		
Fund Balance	106,130	105,530
	$ 117,974	$ 108,697

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

The Government House Foundation
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended March 31, 2005

	2005	2004
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ 600	$ 5,899
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(23)	(37)
Increase in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	8,677	3,022
Cash Provided by Operating Transactions	9,254	8,884
Cash, Beginning of Year	108,612	99,728
Cash, End of Year	$ 117,866	$ 108,612

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

The Government House Foundation
Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Government House Foundation (Foundation) operates under the authority of the *Government House Act*, Chapter G-9, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

The purpose of the Foundation is:

- To advise the Minister on the preservation of Government House as a historic site and building;
- To inform and stimulate the interest of the public in the historical and architectural development of Government House; and
- To solicit and receive, by gift, bequest, device, transfer or otherwise any personal property for use or display in Government House.

The Foundation is a crown agent of the Government of Alberta and as such has a tax exempt status.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all entities.

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Government House Foundation, which is part of the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry) and for which the Minister of Community Development (Minister) is accountable. The Ministry Annual Report provides a more comprehensive accounting of the financial position and results of the Ministry's operations for which the Minister is accountable.

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Revenues

All revenues are reported on the accrual method of accounting. Cash received for which goods or services have not been provided by year-end is recorded as unearned revenue.

Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value at the date of donation, when fair value can reasonably be determined.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Revenues (continued)

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive any goods or services directly in return.

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Foundation has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Foundation operations are disclosed in Schedule 3.

Artworks and Collections

Artworks are not recorded as assets. Purchases of artworks are expensed in the period in which the items are acquired. Donations of artworks and collection items are reported as revenue and expenses at their fair value when fair value can be determined. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, these donations are recorded at nominal value.

Proceeds from the disposition of artworks can only be used to acquire other items to be added to the collection or for the direct care of existing artworks.

Assets

Financial assets of the Foundation are limited to receivables from other organizations.

Liabilities

Liabilities represent all financial claims payable by the Foundation at year-end.

Fair Value

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arms' length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

Fair Value (continued)

The fair values of accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying value.

Note 3 Cash

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta. The CCITF is managed by Alberta Finance with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of depositors' capital. The portfolio is comprised of high quality short-term and mid-term fixed income securities with a maximum term to maturity of three years. Interest is earned on the Foundation's daily cash balance at the average rate of the CCITF earnings, which varies depending on prevailing market interest rates.

Due to the short-term nature of these deposits, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Note 4 Artworks and Collections

The Government House Foundation actively collects various significant items pertaining to the history of Government House. The collection is accessible to the public and consists of paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, furnishings, books and silverware. The majority of the collection is used or displayed in Government House, while some items are on loan to other provincial institutions.

At March 31, 2005, the collection consisted of approximately 379 (2004 – 379) pieces of artworks and other items, with an approximate value of $948,342 (2004 – $948,342). During the year, the Foundation made no artworks purchases (2004 – Nil). There were no contributions to the collections during the year (2004 – Nil), and there were no dispositions during the year (2004 – Nil).

Note 5 Contractual Obligations

At March 31, 2005, the Foundation had commitments in the amount of approximately $4,700 (2004 – $4,700) relating to service contracts.

Note 6 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors.

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The Government House Foundation
Expenses – Directly Incurred Detailed by Object
Year ended March 31, 2005

	2005		2004
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Supplies and Services			
Contract Services	$ 8,500	$ 17,455	$ 14,409
General Office	2,000	6,805	4,961
Hosting	2,000	2,647	2,466
Materials and Supplies	37,500	502	706
	$ 50,000	$ 27,409	$ 22,542

The Government House Foundation
Related Party Transactions
Year ended March 31, 2005

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on a modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements.

The Foundation paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Foundation had the following transactions with related parties recorded in the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between the related parties:

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Revenues				
Transfers from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ -	$ -
Expenses – Directly Incurred				
Other Services	$ -	$ -	$ 2,014	$ 1,705
Accounts Payable	$ -	$ 76	$ -	$ -

The Foundation also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the financial statements and are disclosed in Schedule 3.

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Accommodation	$ -	$ -	$ 725	$ 650
Other Services	7,395	6,815	-	-
	$ 7,395	$ 6,815	$ 725	$ 650

The Government House Foundation
Allocated Costs
Year ended March 31, 2005

Program	2005 Expenses[a]	2005 Expenses – Incurred by Others: Accommodation Costs[b]	2005 Expenses – Incurred by Others: Other Services[c]	2005 Total Expenses	2004 Total Expenses
Administration	$ 12,774	$ 338	$ 3,447	$ 16,559	$ 13,311
Public Relations	10,334	273	2,788	13,395	12,981
Conservation of Collections	4,301	114	1,160	5,575	3,715
	$ 27,409	$ 725	$ 7,395	$ 35,529	$ 30,007

[a] Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Statement of Operations.
[b] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 2, allocated by square footage.
[c] Costs shown for Other Services on Schedule 2, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.

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Auditor's Report

To the Minister of Community Development

I have audited the statement of financial position of Historic Resources Fund (the Fund) as at March 31, 2005 and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

The Fund operates some facilities with the assistance of volunteer societies. The surpluses generated by the operation of some of these government-owned facilities are excluded from the Fund's financial statements. The Fund has not recorded the surpluses generated by the facilities of approximately $90,000 (2004 - $109,000). In addition, as of March 31, 2005, accumulated surpluses of approximately $197,000 (2004 - $216,000) returned to the Fund are recorded as deferred contributions instead of being recorded as part of the fund balance. The effect of these departures from Canadian generally accepted accounting principles is to overstate liabilities by approximately $197,000 (2004 - $216,000), understate assets by approximately $90,000 (2004 - $109,000) and understate fund balance by approximately $287,000 (2004 - $325,000) at March 31, 2005.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters discussed in the preceding section, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at March 31, 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2005

Historic Resources Fund
Statement of Operations
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005		2004
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Revenues (Schedule 1)			
Interpretative Programs and Services	$ 4,341	$ 3,387	$ 3,618
Promotion and Presentation	2,470	2,439	2,299
Donations	-	174	785
Other Initiatives	279	388	737
Provincial Archives	100	151	76
Investment Income	80	58	88
	7,270	6,597	7,603
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Schedules 2 and 4)			
Interpretative Programs and Services	4,041	3,686	3,380
Promotion and Presentation	2,900	2,685	2,810
Other Initiatives	279	396	195
Provincial Archives	100	147	143
	7,320	6,914	6,528
Valuation Adjustments			
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	-	(4)	18
		6,910	6,546
Net Operating Results	$ (50)	(313)	1,057
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		5,245	4,188
Fund Balance at End of Year		$ 4,932	$ 5,245

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Historic Resources Fund
Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Assets		
Cash (Note 3)	$ 2,332	$ 2,390
Accounts Receivable (Note 4)	88	103
Inventory	257	245
Prepaid Expenses	17	4
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 5)	3,636	3,899
	$ 6,330	$ 6,641
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 717	$ 856
Deferred Contributions (Note 6)	616	472
Unearned Revenue	65	68
	1,398	1,396
Fund Balance	4,932	5,245
	$ 6,330	$ 6,641

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Historic Resources Fund
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ (313)	$ 1,057
Non-cash Items		
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	453	329
Valuation Adjustments	(4)	18
	136	1,404
Decrease in Accounts Receivable before Valuation Adjustments	19	386
Increase in Inventory	(12)	(62)
Decrease (Increase) in Prepaid Expenses	(13)	20
Decrease in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	(139)	(425)
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Contributions	144	(504)
Decrease in Unearned Revenue	(3)	-
Cash Provided by Operating Transactions	132	819
Capital Transactions		
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets	(190)	(1,213)
Donation of Tangible Capital Assets	-	(256)
Cash Applied to Capital Transactions	(190)	(1,469)
Decrease in Cash	(58)	(650)
Cash, Beginning of Year	2,390	3,040
Cash, End of Year	$ 2,332	$ 2,390

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Historic Resources Fund
Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Historic Resources Fund (Fund) operates under the authority of the *Historical Resources Act*, Chapter H-9, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, as amended.

The purpose of the Fund is to protect, enhance, promote and display Alberta's historic resources by funding programs designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, by providing operational grants to non-profit organizations, and by promoting the use and development of related facilities.

The Fund is a regulated fund of the Province of Alberta and as such has a tax exempt status.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Instinute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all entities.

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Historic Resources Fund, which is part of the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry), and for which the Minister of Community Development (Minister) is accountable. The Ministry Annual Report provides a more comprehensive accounting of the financial position and results of the Ministry's operations for which the Minister is accountable.

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Revenues

All revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Cash received for which goods or services have not been provided by year-end is recorded as unearned revenue.

Grants and donations, that are restricted to a specific use, are recorded as deferred contributions and transferred to revenues in the period in which the related expenses are incurred.

Donations are recognized as revenues when they are received. Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value at the date of donation when fair value can reasonably be determined.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Revenues (continued)

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive goods or services directly in return.

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Fund has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents. In addition to program operating expenses like salaries, supplies, etc., directly incurred expenses also include amortization of tangible capital assets.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Fund's operations are disclosed in Schedule 4.

Assets

Financial assets of the Fund include advances to and receivables from other organizations, employees, and other individuals, as well as inventories held for resale. Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and estimated net realizable value.

Tangible capital assets of the Fund are recorded at historical cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The threshold for capitalizing new systems development is $100,000 and the threshold for all other capital assets is $5,000.

Liabilities

Liabilities represent all financial claims payable by the Fund at fiscal year-end.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Fair Value

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values.

Note 3 Cash

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta. CCITF is managed by Alberta Finance with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of depositors' capital. The portfolio is comprised of high quality short-term and mid-term fixed income securities with a maximum term to maturity of three years. Interest is earned on the Fund's daily cash balance at the average rate of CCITF earnings, which varies depending on prevailing market interest rates.

Due to the short-term nature of these deposits, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Note 4 Accounts Receivable (thousands of dollars)

	2005			2004
	Gross Amount	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Realizable Value	Net Realizable Value
Accounts Receivable	$ 90	$ (8)	$ 82	$ 103
Refunds from Suppliers	6	-	6	-
	$ 96	$ (8)	$ 88	$ 103

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Note 5 Tangible Capital Assets (thousands of dollars)

	Estimated Useful Life	2005 Cost	2005 Accumulated Amortization	2005 Net Book Value	2004 Net Book Value
Equipment	3-10 years	$ 4,414	$ (87	$ 3,542	$ 3,829
Computer Hardware and Software	5 years	152	(58	94	70
		$ 4,566	$ (93	$ 3,636	$ 3,899

Note 6 Deferred Contributions (thousands of dollars)

Deferred contributions represent restricted contributions received relating to expenses of future years.

Changes in the deferred contributions balance are as follows:

	2005	2004
Restricted Contributions Received During the Year:		
Promotion and Presentation	$ 217	$ 64
Other Initiatives	15	296
	370	360
Less: Amounts Recognized as Revenue in the Year	(226)	(864)
Increase (Decrease) During the Year	144	(504)
Balance at Beginning of Year	472	976
Balance at End of Year	$ 616	$ 472
Balance at End of Year is Comprised of:		
Promotion and Presentation	$ 512	$ 368
Other Initiatives	104	104
	$ 616	$ 472

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Note 7 Contractual Obligations (thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Service Contracts	$ 724	$ 2,144
Long-term Leases	-	9
	$ 724	$ 2,153

The aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Service Contracts
2006	$ 47-
2007	25(
	$ 72-

Note 8 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Senior Financial Officer and the Deputy Minister of the Department of Community Development.

Schedule 1

Historic Resources Fund
Revenues
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005		2004
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Transfers from Government of Canada	$ 350	$ 38	$ 69
Investment Income	80	58	88
Premiums, Fees and Licences	4,341	3,596	3,783
Other Revenue			
Recoveries	2,499	2,418	2,217
Donations	-	174	785
Rental Revenue	-	5	6
Other Grants and Contributions	-	185	579
Refunds of Expenses	-	57	70
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	-	66	6
	$ 7,270	$ 6,597	$ 7,603

Historic Resources Fund
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(thousands of dollars)

	2005		2004
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Supplies and Services			
Materials and Supplies	$ 1,378	$ 1,355	$ 1,490
Contract Services	4,913	3,922	3,904
General Office	226	481	292
Supplies and Services from Support Service Arrangements with Related Parties[a]	677	629	449
Travel	71	66	57
Hosting	5	8	7
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	50	453	329
	$ 7,320	$ 6,914	$ 6,528
Valuation Adjustments			
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	$ -	$ (4)	$ 18

[a] The Fund receives financial and administrative services from the Department of Community Development.

Historic Resources Fund
Related Party Transactions
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on a modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements.

The Fund paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Fund had the following transactions with related parties recorded on the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between the related parties:

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Expenses – Directly Incurred				
Other services	$ -	$ -	$ 122	$ 11
Accounts Payable	$ 160	$ 17[illegible]	$ -	$ -
Accounts Receivable	$ 2	$ -	$ -	$ -

The above transactions do not include support service arrangement transactions disclosed in Schedule 2.

The Fund also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the financial statements and are disclosed in Schedule 4.

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Accommodation	$ -	$ -	$ 4	$ 44
Other Services	309	240	-	-
	$ 309	$ 240	$ 4	$ 44

Historic Resources Fund
Allocated Costs
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005					2004
		Expenses – Incurred by Others		Valuation Adjustments		
Program	Expenses[a]	Accommodation[b]	Other Services[c]	Doubtful Accounts[d]	Total Expenses	Total Expenses
Interpretative Programs and Services	$ 3,686	$ 22	$ 165	$ 2	$ 3,875	$ 3,527
Promotion and Presentation	2,685	16	120	(6)	2,815	2,951
Other Initiatives	396	2	18	-	416	204
Provincial Archives	147	1	6	-	154	149
	$ 6,914	$ 41	$ 309	$ (4)	$ 7,260	$ 6,831

(a) Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Statement of Operations, excluding valuation adjustments.
(b) Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 3, allocated by square footage.
(c) Costs shown for Other Services on Schedule 3, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.
(d) Doubtful Accounts Provision were estimated and allocated to program.

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Auditor's Report

To the Minister of Community Development

I have audited the statement of financial position of Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund (the Fund) as at March 31, 2005 and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at March 31, 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Fred J. Dunn FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2005

Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund
Statement of Operations
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005		2004
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Revenues			
Internal Government Transfers			
Transfers from the Department of Community Development	$ 1,265	$ 1,265	$ 1,265
Transfers from the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund	45	50	29
Investment Income	150	87	101
Other Revenue			
Refunds of Expenses	10	40	-
Other	15	24	14
	1,485	1,466	1,409
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Note 2(b) and Schedules 1 and 3)			
Support to Community Groups	1,036	1,014	798
Education Programs	235	237	283
Administration	214	218	211
Cultural Diversity Institute	-	-	60
Fathers of Confederation	-	-	50
	1,485	1,469	1,402
Net Operating Results	$ -	(3)	7
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		1,613	1,606
Fund Balance, End of Year		$ 1,610	$ 1,613

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund
Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Assets		
Cash (Note 3)	$ 1,757	$ 1,675
Accounts Receivable (Note 4)	5	4
	1,762	1,679
Cash Appropriated for Non-Current Use (Notes 3 and 5)	1,450	1,450
	$ 3,212	$ 3,129
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 152	$ 66
Equity		
Fund Balance	1,610	1,613
General Reserve (Note 5)	1,450	1,450
	3,060	3,063
	$ 3,212	$ 3,129

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ (3)	$ 7
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(1)	(3)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	86	(224)
Cash Provided by (Applied to) Operating Transactions	82	(220)
Cash, Beginning of Year	1,675	1,895
Cash, End of Year	$ 1,757	$ 1,675

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund
Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund (Fund) operates under the authority of the *Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act*, Chapter H-14, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

The purpose of the Fund is to promote equality, increase understanding and acceptance of Alberta's diverse racial and cultural composition, and inform Albertans about their rights and responsibilities under the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act.

The Fund is owned by the Crown in right of Alberta and is not subject to taxation.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all entities.

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Fund, which is part of the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry) and for which the Minister of Community Development (Minister) is accountable. The Ministry Annual Report provides a more comprehensive accounting of the financial position and results of the Ministry's operations for which the Minister is accountable.

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Revenues

All revenues are reported on the accrual method of accounting.

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive any goods or services directly in return.

Cash donations are reported when received. Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value at the date of donation, when fair value can reasonably be determined.

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Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Fund has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

Grants are recorded as expenses when authorized and when all eligibility criteria have been satisfied.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Fund operations are disclosed in Schedule 3.

Assets

Financial assets of the Fund are limited to financial claims, such as advances to and receivables from other organizations.

Liabilities

Liabilities represent all financial claims payable by the Fund at fiscal year end.

Fair Value

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values.

Note 3 Cash

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta. CCITF is managed by Alberta Finance with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of depositors' capital. The

Note 3 Cash (continued)

portfolio is comprised of high quality short-term and mid-term fixed income securities with a maximum term to maturity of three years. Interest is earned on the Fund's daily cash balance at the average rate of CCITF's earnings, which varies depending on prevailing market interest rates.

Due to the short-term nature of these deposits, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Note 4 Accounts Receivable (thousands of dollars)

	2005			2004
	Gross Amount	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Realizable Value	Net Realizable Value
Accounts Receivable	$ 5	$ -	$ 5	$ 4
	$ 5	$ -	$ 5	$ 4

Accounts receivable are unsecured and non-interest bearing.

Note 5 General Reserve

The general reserve has been established by appropriation from the fund balance. The purpose of the reserve is to maintain a source for ongoing funding capability. The reserve is not available for operations without authorization of the Treasury Board.

Interest earned on the cash appropriated for the reserve is reported as operating revenue.

Note 6 Contractual Obligations (thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Grant Agreements	$ 68	$ 4
Service Contracts	87	157
	$ 155	$ 161

Note 6 Contractual Obligations (continued)

The aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Grant Agreements	Service Contracts	Total
2006	$ 68	$ 87	$ 155
	$ 68	$ 87	$ 155

Note 7 Honoraria (thousands of dollars)

	2005			2004
	Honoraria[a]	Benefits and Allowances[b]	Total	Total
Advisory Committee				
Chair[c]	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Vice-Chair[d and e]	-	-	-	-
Other Members[e]	1	-	1	2
	$ 1	$ -	$ 1	$ 2

(a) The Fund has no employees. Staff of the Department of Community Development administers the Fund. Disclosure of information on their salaries and benefits, a requirement under Treasury Directive 03/2004, is included in the financial statements of the Department of Community Development.

(b) No benefits were provided to the Advisory Committee members.

(c) The Chair of the Advisory Committee is a Member of the Legislative Assembly and is not compensated by the Fund. The Chair received $12 (2004 - $15) from the Department of Community Development for his duties as Chair of the Advisory Committee.

(d) The Vice-chair of the Advisory Committee is the Chief Commissioner of the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission and is not compensated by the Fund. The Vice-chair's salary and benefits are reported in the financial statements of the Department of Community Development.

(e) Members appointed to the Advisory Committee are paid honoraria for attending meetings and performing other Fund duties at rates set by Ministerial Order.

Note 8 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Senior Financial Officer and the Deputy Minister of the Department of Community Development.

Schedule 1

Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund
Expenses – Directly Incurred Detailed by Object
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005		2004
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Grants	$ 961	$ 1,017	$ 933
Supplies and Services	334	261	290
Supplies and Services from Support Service Arrangements with Related Parties[a]	190	190	177
Honoraria (Note 7)	-	1	2
	$ 1,485	$ 1,469	$ 1,402

[a] The Fund receives financial and administrative services from the Department of Community Development.

Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund
Related Party Transactions
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on a modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements.

The Fund paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Fund had the following transactions with related parties recorded in the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between related parties:

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Revenues				
Transfers from the Department of Community Development	$ 1,265	$ 1,265	$ -	$ -
Transfers from the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund	-	-	50	29
	$ 1,265	$ 1,265	$ 50	$ 29
Expenses – Directly Incurred				
Other Services	$ -	$ -	$ 9	$ 7
Accounts Payable	$ 13	$ 5	$ -	$ -

The above transactions do not include support service arrangement transactions disclosed in Schedule 1.

The Fund also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the financial statements and are disclosed in Schedule 3.

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Accommodation	$ -	$ -	$ 18	$ 13
Legal Costs	-	-	1	1
Other Services	153	152	-	-
	$ 153	$ 152	$ 19	$ 14

Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund
Allocated Costs
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005					2004
		Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Program	Expenses[a]	Accommodation Costs[b]	Legal Services[c]	Other Services[d]	Total Expenses	Total Expenses
Support to Community Groups	$ 1,014	$ 7	$ -	$ 12	$ 1,033	$ 811
Education Programs	237	9	-	105	351	400
Administration	218	2	1	36	257	239
Cultural Diversity Institute	-	-	-	-	-	66
Fathers of Confederation	-	-	-	-	-	51
	$ 1,469	$ 18	$ 1	$ 153	$ 1,641	$ 1,567

[a] Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Statement of Operations
[b] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 2, allocated by square footage.
[c] Costs shown for Legal Services on Schedule 2, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.
[d] Costs shown for Other Services on Schedule 2, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.

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Auditor's Report

To the Members of The Wild Rose Foundation

I have audited the statement of financial position of The Wild Rose Foundation (the Foundation) as at March 31, 2005 and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at March 31, 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Fred J. Dunn FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 19, 2005

The Wild Rose Foundation
Statement of Operations
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005		2004
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Revenues			
Internal Government Transfers			
Transfers from Department of Community Development	$ 7,766	$ 7,891	$ 7,766
Investment Income	420	268	338
Premiums, Fees and Licences			
- Vitalize Conference for Volunteers	156	135	128
Other Revenue			
Donations			
- Vitalize Conference for Volunteers	53	43	46
Refunds of Expenses			
- Other Initiatives	100	3	8
Miscellaneous Revenue			
- Vitalize Conference for Volunteers	7	2	4
	8,502	8,342	8,290
Expenses – Directly Incurred (Note 2(b) and Schedules 1 and 3)			
Support to Alberta Non-Profit Organizations	4,312	4,851	4,476
International Development Program	1,705	1,929	1,859
Voluntary Sector Development	1,320	425	795
Vitalize Conference for Volunteers	637	585	521
Other Initiatives	255	221	219
Administration	274	234	227
	8,503	8,245	8,097
Net Operating Results	$ (1)	97	193
Operating Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		2,097	1,904
Operating Fund Balance at End of Year		$ 2,194	$ 2,097

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

The Wild Rose Foundation
Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Assets		
Cash (Note 3)	$ 3,526	$ 3,715
Accounts Receivable	3	2
Prepaid Expenses	62	50
	3,591	3,767
Investment (Note 3)	6,500	6,500
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 4)	-	1
	$ 10,091	$ 10,268
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 1,396	$ 1,669
Unearned Revenue	1	2
	1,397	1,671
Equity		
Endowment Fund – Internally Restricted (Note 5)	6,500	6,500
Operating Fund	2,194	2,097
	8,694	8,597
	$ 10,091	$ 10,268

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

The Wild Rose Foundation
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Operating Transactions		
Net Operating Results	$ 97	$ 193
Non-cash Items		
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	1	1
	98	194
(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	(1)	-
Decrease (Increase) in Prepaid Expenses	(12)	1
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	(273)	511
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	(1)	2
Cash Provided by Operating Transactions	(189)	708
Cash, Beginning of Year	3,715	3,007
Cash, End of Year	$ 3,526	$ 3,715

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

The Wild Rose Foundation
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended March 31, 2005

Note 1 Authority and Purpose

The Wild Rose Foundation (Foundation) operates under the authority of the *Wild Rose Foundation Act*, Chapter W-8, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

The purposes of the Foundation are:

- To provide funding to volunteer, non-profit organizations that provide valuable services to Albertans;
- To foster or promote the use of volunteers, or to assist those who volunteer or use the services of volunteers in Alberta; and
- To foster or promote charitable, philanthropic, humanitarian, or public spirited acts or to assist those who perform them.

The Foundation is a crown agent of the Government of Alberta and as such has a tax exempt status.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

The recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants are the primary source for the disclosed basis of accounting. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies that have been established by government for all entities.

(a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Wild Rose Foundation, which is part of the Ministry of Community Development (Ministry) and for which the Minister of Community Development (Minister) is accountable. The Ministry Annual Report provides a more comprehensive accounting of the financial position and results of the Ministry's operations for which the Minister is accountable.

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting

Revenue

All revenues are reported on the accrual method of accounting. Cash received for which goods or services have not been provided by year end is recorded as unearned revenue.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Revenue (continued)

Donations are recognized as revenues when they are received. Donations of materials and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at fair value at the date of donation when fair value can reasonably be determined.

Internal Government Transfers

Internal government transfers are transfers between entities within the government reporting entity where the entity making the transfer does not receive any goods or services directly in return.

Expenses

Directly Incurred

Directly incurred expenses are those costs the Foundation has primary responsibility and accountability for, as reflected in the Government's budget documents.

Directly incurred expenses include amortization of tangible capital assets.

Grants are recorded as expenses when authorized and when all eligibility criteria have been satisfied.

Incurred by Others

Services contributed by other entities in support of the Foundation operations are disclosed in Schedule 3.

Assets

Financial assets of the Foundation are limited to financial claims, such as receivables from other organizations.

Tangible capital assets of the Foundation are recorded at historical cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The threshold for capitalizing new systems development is $100,000 and the threshold for all other capital assets is $5,000.

Liabilities

Liabilities represent all financial claims payable by the Foundation at fiscal year end.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

(b) Basis of Financial Reporting (continued)

Fair Value

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

The fair values of accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their carrying values.

Note 3 Cash and Investment

Cash consists of deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta. CCITF is managed by Alberta Finance with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of depositors' capital. The portfolio is comprised of high quality short-term and mid-term fixed income securities with a maximum term to maturity of three years. Interest is earned on the Foundation's daily cash balance at the average rate of CCITF's earnings, which varies depending on prevailing market interest rates.

Investment also consists of deposits in the CCITF. It represents deposits equivalent to the endowment fund balance. These deposits are internally restricted.

Due to the short-term nature of these deposits, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Note 4 Tangible Capital Assets (thousands of dollars)

		2005			2004
	Estimated Useful Life	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Equipment	7 years	$ 6	$ 6	$ -	$ 1

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Note 5 Endowment Fund – Internally Restricted (thousands of dollars)

In 1985, the members of the Foundation directed that the initial contribution from lottery funds amounting to $4,500 be placed in an endowment fund so that the funds are not available for use in its operations. In 1993, a further $2,000 was transferred from the operating fund balance to the endowment fund. The purpose of the fund is to earn income and to retain an ongoing funding capability.

Interest earned on the endowment fund is reported as operating revenue.

Note 6 Honoraria (thousands of dollars)

	2005			2004
	Honoraria[a]	Benefits and Allowances[b]	Total	Total
Board[c]				
Chair	$ 16	$ -	$ 16	$ 17
Other Members (6)	27	-	27	22
	$ 43	$ -	$ 43	$ 39

[a] The Foundation has no employees. Staff of the Department of Community Development administer the Foundation. Disclosure of information on their salaries and benefits, a requirement under Treasury Directive 03/2004, is included in the financial statements of the Department of Community Development.

[b] No benefits were provided to Board members.

[c] Members appointed to the Foundation are paid honoraria for attending Foundation meetings at rates set by Ministerial Order. They are also paid for sub-committee meetings, to attend out of town meetings, and for attending to other Foundation duties.

Note 7 Contractual Obligations (thousands of dollars)

	2005	2004
Grant Agreements	$ 372	$ 434
Service Contracts	197	283
	$ 569	$ 717

The aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Grant Agreements	Service Contracts	Total
2006	$ 247	$ 174	$ 421
2007	125	23	148
	$ 372	$ 197	$ 569

Note 8 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors.

The Wild Rose Foundation
Expenses – Directly Incurred Detailed by Object
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005		2004
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Grants	$ 6,261	$ 6,512	$ 6,442
Supplies and Services	1,461	954	906
Supplies and Services from Support Services Arrangements with Related Parties[a]	735	735	709
Honoraria (Note 6)	45	43	39
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	1	1	1
	$ 8,503	$ 8,245	$ 8,097

[a] The Foundation receives financial and program related administrative services from the Department of Community Development.

The Wild Rose Foundation
Related Party Transactions
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on a modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements.

The Foundation paid or collected certain taxes and fees set by regulation for permits, licences and other charges. These amounts were incurred in the normal course of business, reflect charges applicable to all users, and have been excluded from this Schedule.

The Foundation had the following transactions with related parties recorded on the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position at the amount of consideration agreed upon between the related parties:

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Revenues				
Transfer from Department of Community Development	$ 7,891	$ 7,766	$ -	$ -
Expenses – Directly Incurred				
Other services	$ -	$ -	$ 38	$ 47
Accounts Payable	$ 45	$ 49	$ -	$ -

The above transactions do not include support service arrangement transactions disclosed in Schedule 1.

The Foundation also had the following transactions with related parties for which no consideration was exchanged. The amounts for these related party transactions are estimated based on the costs incurred by the service provider to provide the service. These amounts are not recorded in the financial statements and are disclosed in Schedule 3.

	Entities in the Ministry		Other Entities	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Expenses – Incurred by Others				
Accommodation	$ -	$ -	$ 50	$ 41
Other Services	42	42	-	-
	$ 42	$ 42	$ 50	$ 41

The Wild Rose Foundation
Allocated Costs
Year ended March 31, 2005
(thousands of dollars)

	2005				2004
		Expenses – Incurred by Others			
Program	Expenses [a]	Accommodation Costs [b]	Other Services [c]	Total Expenses	Total Expenses
Support to Alberta Non-Profit Organizations	$ 4,851	$ 12	$ 11	$ 4,874	$ 4,497
International Development Program	1,929	12	11	1,952	1,880
Voluntary Sector Development	425	8	6	439	807
Vitalize Conference for Volunteers	585	8	6	599	534
Other Initiatives	221	5	4	230	227
Administration	234	5	4	243	235
	$ 8,245	$ 50	$ 42	$ 8,337	$ 8,180

[a] Expenses – Directly Incurred as per Statement of Operations, excluding evaluation adjustments.
[b] Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) on Schedule 2, allocated by square footage.
[c] Costs shown for Other Services on Schedule 2, allocated by estimated costs incurred by each program.

Other Information

Ministry of Community Development
Statements of Write-Offs for the Year Ended March 31, 2005

The Following Information is Unaudited

The following statement has been prepared pursuant to Section 23 of the *Financial Administration Act*. This statement includes all write-offs made or approved during the fiscal period.

Write-offs	
Accounts Receivable	$ 3,220
Total write-offs	$ 3,220

Acts Administered by Community Development

Community Development is responsible for a wide array of acts that have a direct impact on quality of life in Alberta. Below is a list of all acts administered by Community Development. If you would like to review these acts in more detail, they are included on the Ministry's website (http://www.cd.gov.ab.ca/all_about_us/legislation/index.asp). You can also contact the Ministry by phone (780-427-6530) or e-mail (comdev.communications@gov.ab.ca).

Name of Act	Description
Alberta Centennial Medal Act	Establishes the Centennial Medal and the process to award medals to outstanding Albertans who have made significant contributions to society
Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act	Establishes the Foundation with its mandate to promote arts development
Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act	Establishes the Foundation with its mandate to develop and maintain sport, parks and recreation programs, facilities and services
Amusements Act	Provides for licenses for screening motion pictures, classification of films and prohibits access of minors to adult videos
Emblems of Alberta Act	Establishes provincial emblems and governs the reproduction and use of the emblems
First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Act	Provides the mechanism for the repatriation of First Nations sacred objects
Foreign Cultural Property Immunity Act	Provides for immunity from seizure of foreign cultural property in Alberta
Glenbow-Alberta Institute Act	Enables the Glenbow Alberta institute to hold and administer grants, and to foster historical, cultural and scientific activities in Alberta
Government House Act	Establishes the Foundation and sets out its mandate to preserve and promote Government House
Historical Resources Act	Provides for the use and protection of historic resources; establishes the Historic Resources Fund and the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance Act	Establishes Yom ha-Shoah – Holocaust Memorial Day

Name of Act	Description
Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act	Provides for Heritage Day and establishes the Human Rights Commission and the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund; prohibits discrimination on specific grounds
Libraries Act	Provides for library boards and library system boards to provide services to the public
Provincial Parks Act	Provides for the establishment, maintenance and regulation of parks and recreation areas
Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Recognition Act	Establishes special awards and scholarships that honour Alberta youth in recognition of the Queen's Golden Jubilee
Recreation Development Act	Provides for promoting and encouraging the orderly development of recreational activities and facilities
Wild Rose Foundation Act	Establishes the Foundation and sets out its mandate of providing grants for volunteer non-profit organizations and to promote charitable and humanitarian activities
Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves, Natural Areas and Heritage Rangelands Act	Provides for wilderness areas or ecological reserves; establishes the Advisory Committee on Wilderness Areas and Ecological Reserves
Willmore Wilderness Park Act	Establishes the Willmore Wilderness Park

Performance Measures' Results at a Glance

Performance Measure	2003-04 Results	2004-05 Results	Target
Goal 1 – Support individuals, organizations and communities in the development of their capacity to participate in, and contribute to, activities in the areas of the arts, sport and recreation, libraries and the voluntary sector.			
M 1.a Level of community volunteerism by adult Albertans	68.3%	66.5%	73%
M 1.b Participation in sport and recreational activities by adult Albertans	80.4%	83.4%	85%
M 1.c Usage of public library services by adult Albertans	51.2%	50.2%	54%
M 1.d Participation in arts and cultural activities by adult Albertans	85.5%	87.2%	90%
M 1.e Customer satisfaction with community development services	96.8%	98.4%	99%
M 1.f Impact of the support provided by the Alberta Film Development Program:			
(i) Number of film production employment opportunities for Albertans	3,241	3,505	2,950
(ii) Value of film production by Albertans in Alberta ($ millions)	$54.6	$67.4	$56
Goal 2 – Support people in having an opportunity to participate in the social, economic and cultural life of the province without discrimination.			
M 2.a Adult Albertans' perception of the effectiveness of human rights protection in Alberta	84.8%	87.6%	86%
Goal 3 – Preserve, protect, present, research and promote appreciation for Alberta's historical resources and culture and provide opportunities for heritage tourism.			
M 3.a Satisfaction of visitors with experiences at provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres	97.7%	97.7%	99%
M 3.b Knowledge gained of Alberta history by visitors to provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres	90.1%	90.6%	90%
M 3.c Economic impact of provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres ($ millions):			
(i) Value-added impact	$49.7	n/a*	$55
(ii) Taxation revenue returned to three levels of government	$22.1	n/a*	$22
Goal 4 – Maintain Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas to preserve the province's natural heritage and provide opportunities for heritage appreciation, outdoor recreation and heritage tourism.			
M 4.a Satisfaction of visitors with experiences at provincial parks and recreation areas**	90.4%	90.9%	To be determined

* Results lag one year behind the reporting year due to the complexity of data collection

**A target of 91% was set in the Community Development 2005-08 Business Plan.

Performance Measures' Data Sources and Methodology

Support individuals, organizations and communities in the development of their capacity to participate in, and contribute to, activities in the areas of the arts, sport and recreation, libraries and the voluntary sector.

Community Development Survey of Albertans

(Measures: 1.A, 1.B, 1.C, 1.D, 2.A)

Research Innovations Inc. conducted this annual province-wide telephone survey of 1,000 adult Albertans. The survey used a random sample stratified by age group, gender and geographic location, to be representative of Alberta's population. All interviews were conducted in January 2005 by trained and experienced interviewers. Question order was randomly rotated to minimize potential question order bias. Interviews were monitored while in progress, and 10 per cent of each interviewer's work was directly monitored. The response rate was 51.9 per cent. Data were analyzed with STATXP software, and the margin of error is +/- 3.2 per cent at the 95 per cent confidence level.

Client Service Reporting System

(Measure: 1.E)

The Client Service Reporting System is a project-based system that includes data from projects delivered through the Ministry's regional offices to communities across the province. Clients include community leaders, members of community organizations and government representatives. Clients receiving services in excess of three hours of project time are surveyed. Evaluation forms are distributed at the close of service delivery in either hard copy or through electronic transmission (i.e., fax or e-mail). The completed questionnaires are returned in an envelope that has been sealed by a volunteer from the client group or are returned electronically to the regional office. Regional coordinators verify that the data in the system accurately reflects the information from the client satisfaction summary. A weighting factor, based on the evaluations returned by region, is applied to calculate the overall satisfaction level. Overall satisfaction is based on the top two combined response categories of a six point rating scale with the response categories: "very satisfied," "satisfied," "slightly satisfied," "slightly dissatisfied," "dissatisfied" and "very dissatisfied." Over 930 evaluation forms were collected from April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005. The response rate was 94.7 per cent.

Film Production Statistics

(Measures: 1.F (i & ii))

Film production companies approved for funding under the Alberta Film Development Program submit a film production report to the Ministry for each production satisfactorily completed. The film production report is reviewed and verified by the Ministry in accordance with the grant guidelines. Source data from the film production report is entered into an internal database, and then reports are generated with the count of the film production employment opportunities for Albertans and the dollar value of film production by Albertans in Alberta. Data for a production are included in the fiscal year that the grant was paid or accrued. Reporting may occur in a different fiscal year than the year in which the bulk of production work takes place due to project completion times crossing

the reporting year and influencing results for the following year. The production report includes a video copy of the finished production; appropriate financial statements (audit or review engagement) with clear schedules outlining Alberta expenses; a list of all personnel engaged in the project, including job titles and residency; and a confirmation that the applicant and the production meet all eligibility requirements for the program. Productions with budgets over $500,000 require audited financial statements with an audited Alberta cost schedule outlining expenses incurred in Alberta. Productions with budgets less than $500,000 require a Review Engagement Report.

Support people in having an opportunity to participate in the social, economic and cultural life of the province without discrimination.

Community Development Survey of Albertans

(Measures: 1.A, 1.B, 1.C, 1.D, 2.A)

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Preserve, protect, present, research and promote appreciation for Alberta's historical resources and culture and provide opportunities for heritage tourism.

Heritage Facilities Visitor Survey - Non-local and Local Residents

(Measures: 3.A and 3.B are based on the 2004 survey)
(Measures: 3.C (i) and (ii) are based on the 2003 survey)

Surveys were conducted with independent visitors at the 17 provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres. Independent visitors do not include school groups, tours or other groups; after-hours visitors to facilities; people attending education programs; or visitors attending facilities for special functions. A multi-stage, stratified systematic random sample was used and each facility was sampled independently. Trained Ministry field staff conducted the survey, and a private research firm (Infact Research and Consulting Inc.) supervised and coordinated surveying and analyzed the results according to a standard set of procedures. In total, more than 5,800 interviews were processed. Overall results were determined using the top two combined response categories of a five point rating scale for the categories: "excellent," "good," "neither good nor poor," "poor," and "very poor." Over 99 per cent of the respondents answered the satisfaction and the knowledge gained questions. The sample was based on two seasons, winter 2003-04 and summer 2004. Winter data were collected the previous year, from September 2002 to May 2003, and adjusted to represent the winter of 2003-04. Surveying during winter is conducted on an occasional basis only, as the winter period makes up a relatively small proportion of visitation. Summer data were collected from May to September 2004. The margin of error is +/- 1.3 per cent at the 95 per cent confidence level.

Demand Economic Impact Model (DEIM)

(Measures: 3.C (i) and (ii))

Econometric Research Ltd. was contracted to apply the DEIM model to estimate the level of economic activity created by the operation of the Ministry's provincial historic sites, museums and interpretive centres. Economic activity included the direct operational expenditures, incremental visitor expenditures (based on information from the 2003-04 Heritage Facilities Visitor Survey) and the significant indirect benefits for the local and provincial economies. The value-added impact and taxation returned to municipal, provincial and federal government were measured and reported separately to assist in evaluating associated economic benefits. Taxes generated (e.g., income taxes, GST, liquor and tobacco taxes, room taxes, etc.) were attributed to the level of government receiving them. For example, the federal government receives the proceeds from the GST, the provincial government receives the room taxes and the local government receives property and business taxes.

Maintain Alberta's provincial parks and protected areas to preserve the province's natural heritage and provide opportunities for heritage appreciation, outdoor recreation and heritage tourism.

Parks and Protected Areas Visitor Satisfaction Survey

(Measure: 4.A)

The survey included a representative cross-section of 106 provincial parks or recreation area campgrounds according to size (visitation) and geography. Only automobile accessible campgrounds where visitation is greater than 1,050 occupied campsite nights were included. A random sample of adult campers is surveyed at approximately 35 campgrounds per year on a three-year rotational cycle. Although 36 campgrounds were identified to be surveyed in 2004-05, two campgrounds were excluded from the analysis due to inadequate sample size and two campgrounds did not participate. Overall results are determined through the top two combined response categories of a five point rating scale for the categories: "very satisfied," "satisfied," "neutral," "dissatisfied," and "very dissatisfied." More than 3,100 responses were collected from May to September 2004. Results were calculated with Statistical Analysis System software. The margin of error is +/-1.6 per cent at the 95 per cent confidence level.

Alphabetical List of Entities' Financial Statements in Ministry 2004-05 Annual Reports

Entities included in the consolidated government reporting entity

Ministry, Department, Fund or Agency	*Ministry Annual Report*
Agriculture Financial Services Corporation[1]	Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission	Health and Wellness
Alberta Capital Finance Authority	Finance
Alberta Energy and Utilities Board	Energy
Alberta Foundation for the Arts	Community Development
Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission	Gaming
Alberta Government Telephones Commission	Finance
Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Endowment Fund	Finance
Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund	Finance
Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund	Finance
Alberta Heritage Science and Engineering Research Endowment Fund	Finance
Alberta Historical Resources Foundation	Community Development
Alberta Insurance Council	Finance
Alberta Pensions Administration Corporation	Finance
Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission	Energy
Alberta Research Council Inc.	Innovation and Science
Alberta Risk Management Fund	Finance
Alberta School Foundation Fund	Education
Alberta Science and Research Authority	Innovation and Science
Alberta Securities Commission	Finance
Alberta Social Housing Corporation	Seniors and Community Supports
Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation	Community Development
Alberta Treasury Branches	Finance
ATB Investment Services Inc.	Finance
Child and Family Services Authorities:	Children's Services
Calgary and Area Child and Family Services Authority	
Central Alberta Child and Family Services Authority	
East Central Alberta Child and Family Services Authority	
Edmonton and Area Child and Family Services Authority	
North Central Alberta Child and Family Services Authority	
Northeast Alberta Child and Family Services Authority	
Northwest Alberta Child and Family Services Authority	
Southeast Alberta Child and Family Services Authority	
Southwest Alberta Child and Family Services Authority	
Metis Settlements Child and Family Services Authority	
Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation	Finance
Crop Reinsurance Fund of Alberta[1]	Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development	Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Department of Children's Services	Children's Services
Department of Community Development	Community Development
Department of Education	Education
Department of Energy	Energy
Department of Finance	Finance
Department of Gaming	Gaming
Department of Health and Wellness	Health and Wellness

[1] The Crop Reinsurance Fund of Alberta was merged into the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, effective April 1, 2003.

Entities included in the consolidated government reporting entity

Department of Innovation and Science	Innovation and Science
Department of Seniors and Community Supports	Seniors and Community Supports
Department of Solicitor General	Solicitor General
Department of Sustainable Resource Development	Sustainable Resource Development
Environmental Protection and Enhancement Fund	Sustainable Resource Development
Gainers Inc.	Finance
Government House Foundation	Community Development
Historic Resources Fund	Community Development
Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund	Community Development
iCORE Inc.	Innovation and Science
Lottery Fund	Gaming
Ministry of Advanced Education[2]	Advanced Education
Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development[2]	Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development	Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Ministry of Children's Services	Children's Services
Ministry of Community Development	Community Development
Ministry of Economic Development[2]	Economic Development
Ministry of Education	Education
Ministry of Energy	Energy
Ministry of Environment[2]	Environment
Ministry of Finance	Finance
Ministry of Executive Council[2]	Executive Council
Ministry of Gaming	Gaming
Ministry of Government Services[2]	Government Services
Ministry of Health and Wellness	Health and Wellness
Ministry of Human Resources and Employment[2]	Human Resources and Employment
Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation[2]	Infrastructure and Transportation
Ministry of Innovation and Science	Innovation and Science
Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations[2]	International and Intergovernmental Relations
Ministry of Justice[2]	Justice
Ministry of Municipal Affairs[2]	Municipal Affairs
Ministry of Restructuring and Government Efficiency[2]	Restructuring and Government Efficiency
Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports	Seniors and Community Supports
Ministry of Solicitor General	Solicitor General
Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development	Sustainable Resource Development
N.A. Properties (1994) Ltd.	Finance
Natural Resources Conservation Board	Sustainable Resource Development
Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards:	Seniors and Community Supports
Calgary Region Community Board	
Central Region Community Board	
Edmonton Region Community Board	
Northeast Region Community Board	
Northwest Region Community Board	
South Region Community Board	
Persons with Developmental Disabilities Provincial Board	Seniors and Community Supports
Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Reserve Fund	Finance
Supplementary Retirement Plan Reserve Fund	Finance
Victims of Crime Fund	Solicitor General

[2] Ministry includes only the departments so separate department financial statements are not necessary.

Entities included in the consolidated government reporting entity

Ministry, Department, Fund or Agency	*Ministry Annual Report*
Wild Rose Foundation	Community Development

Entities not included in the consolidated government reporting entity

Fund or Agency	*Ministry Annual Report*
Alberta Cancer Board	Health and Wellness
Alberta Foundation for Health Research	Innovation and Science
Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research	Innovation and Science
Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research	Innovation and Science
Alberta Mental Health Board	Health and Wellness
Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund Board	Education
Improvement Districts' Trust Account	Municipal Affairs
Local Authorities Pension Plan	Finance
Long-Term Disability Income Continuance Plan - Bargaining Unit	Human Resources and Employment
Long-Term Disability Income Continuance Plan - Management, Opted Out and Excluded	Human Resources and Employment
Management Employees Pension Plan	Finance
Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan	Finance
Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers (Unregistered) Pension Plan	Finance
Public Post Secondary Institutions	Advance Education
Public Service Management (Closed Membership) Pension Plan	Finance
Public Service Pension Plan	Finance
Regional Health Authorities	Health and Wellness
School Boards	Education
Special Areas Trust Account	Municipal Affairs
Special Forces Pension Plan	Finance
Supplementary Retirement Plan for Public Service Managers	Finance
Workers' Compensation Board	Human Resources and Employment

Government Organization Changes, 2004-05

Ministry	Program/Entity Changes	Previous Location
Advanced Education (formerly part of Learning)	< Support for Adult Learning	< Former Learning
	< Public Post Secondary Institutions	
	< Standing Policy Committee on Education and Employment	
Education (formerly part of Learning)	< Support for Basic Learning	< Former Learning
	< Alberta School Foundation Fund	
	< Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund Board	
	< School Boards	
Human Resources and Employment	< Immigration	< Former Learning
Infrastructure and Transportation (merger of Infrastructure and Transportation)	< Standing Policy Committee on Agriculture and Municipal Affairs	< Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Restructuring and Government Efficiency (new)	< Alberta Corporate Service Centre	< Government Services
	< Office of the Corporate Chief Information Officer	< Innovation and Science
Seniors and Community Supports (formerly Seniors)	< Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped	< Human Resources and Employment
	< Community Support Systems	< Community Development
	< Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards: Calgary Region Community Board Central Region Community Board Edmonton Region Community Board Northeast Region Community Board Northwest Region Community Board South Region Community Board	
	< Persons with Developmental Disabilities Provincial Board	

Other Merged Ministries

Finance (merger of Finance and Revenue)

Readership Survey

Community Development 2004-05 Annual Report

Thank you for reading the Community Development 2004-05 Annual Report. We hope that you will take a few minutes to complete this readership survey. We are committed to continuous improvement and welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Instructions: Please read each question carefully and circle the rating that best describes your response. If you require more space for your response, please use a separate piece of paper and identify the corresponding question clearly. If you have any questions, or require further clarification, please call Julius Salegio at (780) 427-5961 or send an e-mail to Julius.Salegio@gov.ab.ca

If you would like to be contacted regarding your feedback, please provide your information below.

Name:
Organization:
Telephone Number:
E-mail:

1. Having reviewed and read through the Community Development 2004-05 Annual Report, how would you rate it overall on the following characteristics? Using a scale of one to seven, where ONE is STRONGLY DISAGREE, FOUR is NEUTRAL, and SEVEN is STRONGLY AGREE, do you agree that…*(Please circle only one rating number for each statement.)*

	Strongly Disagree			Neutral			Strongly Agree
I learned something new about the Ministry by reading this report	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
This annual report is easy to read	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
This annual report was informative and useful to me	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The report has an appealing format/look	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I can easily find information that I am looking for	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I plan on using this annual report as a reference	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Overall, this annual report meets my needs as a reader	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

2. What areas or features did you like the most about this annual report?

3. What areas or features would you recommend for further improvement?

Please tear out this survey and fax it to (780) 422-3142 or mail it to Community Development Business Planning and Performance Measurement, 7th Floor, Standard Life Centre, 10405 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton Alberta, Canada, T5J 4R7

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